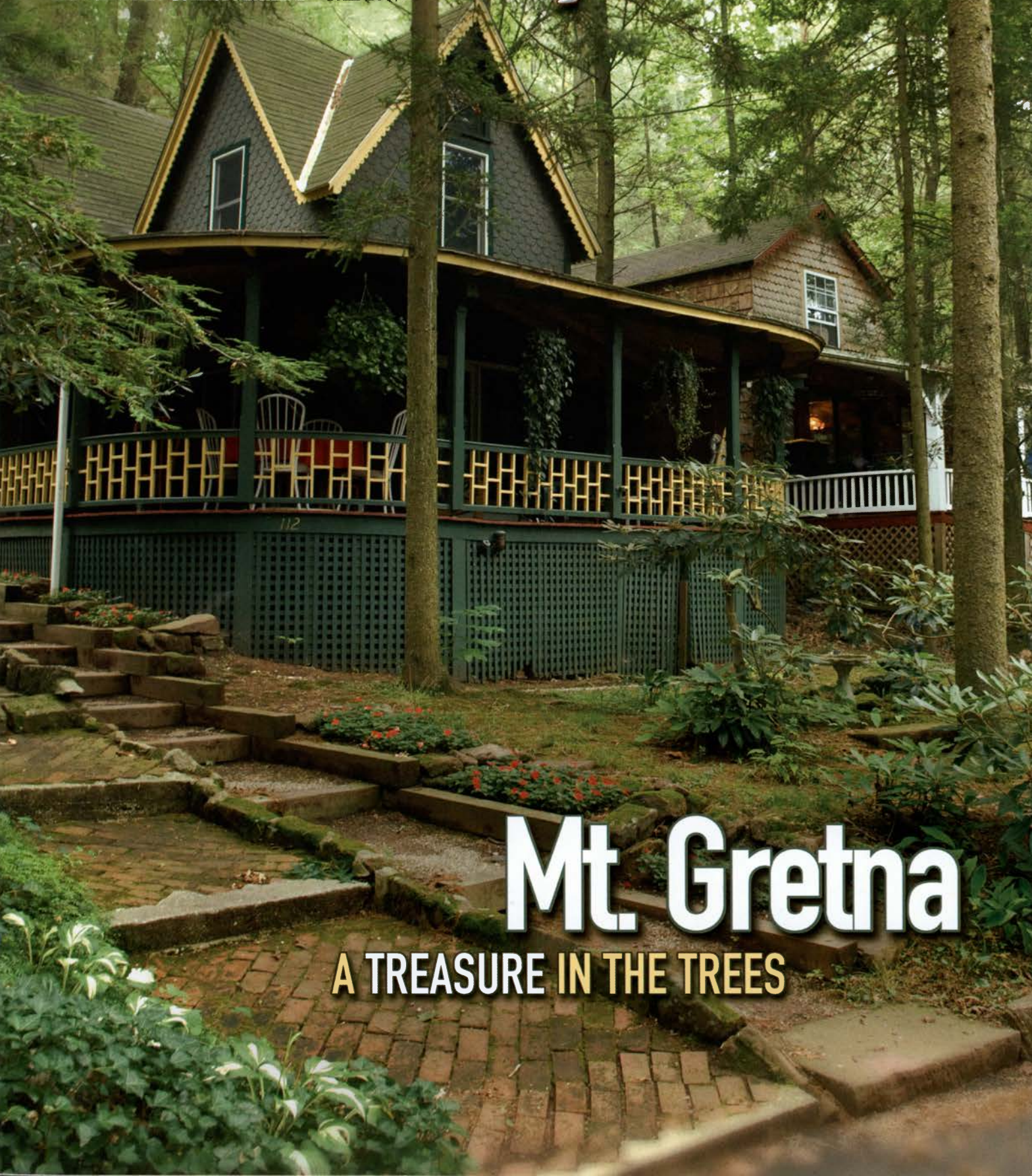


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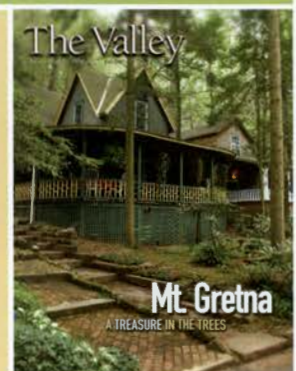
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Mt. Gretna

EXPLORING LVC'S TIES
WITH THIS TREASURE IN THE TREES

By Lauren McCartney Cusick



Legions of Lebanon Valley College

students have spent four years on campus, graduated, and moved on without ever knowing the thrill of grabbing the trapeze swing and flying over Lake Conewago before letting go and plunging into the cool water at Mt. Gretna.



Most LVC students have never braved the crowds at the 1895 Jigger Shop Ice Cream Parlor before finally settling down on the shady deck to enjoy the famous Jigger—vanilla ice cream topped with butterscotch or chocolate syrup, marshmallow, whipped cream, and the legendary Jigger nuts—a secret recipe for over 100 years.

About eight miles south of campus—and eight miles from anywhere say

residents in need of groceries—Mt. Gretna itself is a secret to most LVC students, nestled in the Conewago Hills by thousands of acres of surrounding forest. Shaded by tall pines and oaks, Mt. Gretna smells of trees, ferns, damp earth, and the occasional musty odor exhaled by a vacant cottage. Like the enchanted Brigadoon of the Scottish Highlands, this off-the-beaten-track village comes fully alive only briefly.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, this sleepy, verdant enclave becomes one of the most vibrant summer arts communities in the United States, a feat it accomplishes without permanently surrendering its serenity to hordes of tourists. Only the nationally known, two-day Mt. Gretna Outdoor Art Show in late August and a major crafts show that same weekend overrun the borough—with up to 20,000 visitors.

Throughout the rest of the summer, when internationally acclaimed performers and favorites from central Pennsylvania are booked virtually nonstop into the two main open-air venues—Mt. Gretna Playhouse in the Chautauqua District or Tabernacle in

the Campmeeting area—the relaxed air of an earlier time and place prevails. “We live in the woods, but people are close by. We have the woods, we have the culture—this is it!” says **Roberta “Bobbie” Warshaw**, who moved to Mt. Gretna in 1998 after marrying **Dr. Paul Heise**, now an LVC professor *emeritus* of economics. He says he lived in Annville for years without being aware of Mt. Gretna. “It’s an escape from today’s world,” says ‘Mr. Mt. Gretna,’ Jack Bitner, a historian who has been ‘escaping’ to Mt. Gretna every summer since 1917, when he was six weeks old.

This “treasure in the trees” may remain a hidden treasure to most students, but others associated with the College have deeply impacted Mt. Gretna. LVC trustees, faculty, staff, and alumni have greatly influenced Mt. Gretna’s rise in the late 19th century as a resort, religious Campmeeting, and educational Chautauqua, to its decline during the Depression and 1940s, and finally its long, slow renaissance after World War II. It is during this time that many of its 500 vintage cottages began to be converted to year-round homes

and the place started to thrive again as a resort.

Behind mounds of rhododendrons on narrow, hilly streets, fully half of these Victorian gingerbread, Queen Anne, or Adirondack-style cottages in two of Mt. Gretna's oldest, most historic neighborhoods—Campmeeting and Chautauqua—are now insulated and updated for some 1,500 full-time residents. Over time, these residents have included many LVC trustees, faculty, administrators, alumni, and *emeriti*.

The population swells to some 2,500 residents during the summer season, attracting both central Pennsylvanians who only summer here, and cosmopolitan out-

of-towners from New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C., many of them commuting on weekends to enjoy the arts and culture or to lounge on Mt. Gretna's ubiquitous porches, each with its unique carved filigree. Sitting in their rocking chairs, behind colorful banners and hanging pots of ferns and flowers, residents can often overhear music—impromptu or planned—from nearby venues.

Music at Gretna has been hailed by *Time* magazine as one of the six best small music festivals in the country. Some performers come straight from Lincoln Center in New York City or Tanglewood in the Berkshires to take part in the 12-week festival. This past summer, violin



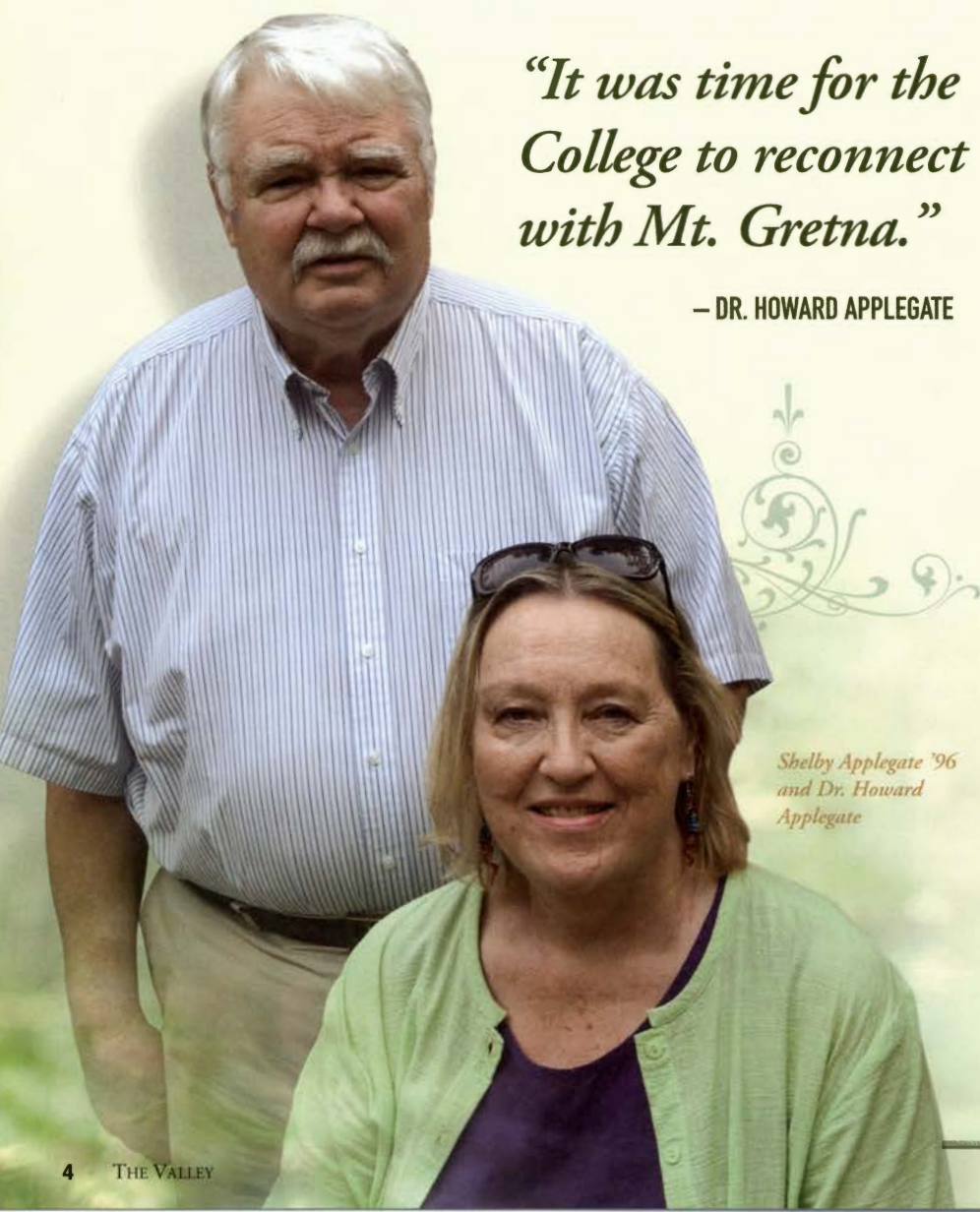
sensation Midori headlined Music at Gretna. The village's 80-page *Calendar of Events* was filled with chamber music, jazz, drama and musical shows, hymn sings, and religious, cultural, and intellectual offerings.

A 10-week Book Review Series, founded in 1983 by then-LVC history professor **Dr. Howard Applegate**, and led entirely by LVC professors, adds an important intellectual component to the historic Chautauqua. "It was time for the College to reconnect with Mt. Gretna," Applegate says from the comfort of his contemporary home in the sunny Timbers neighborhood of Mt. Gretna. On a recent Tuesday in August, over 150 people spilled out of the rustic Greek revival Hall of Philosophy to hear LVC's **Jean-Paul Benowitz**, an adjunct history instructor, discuss Gyles Brandreth's *Philip and Elizabeth: Portrait of a Royal Marriage*.

"In the earlier years," recalls Applegate, now an *emeritus* professor, "when the Campmeeting was in its heyday, many of the clergy who led the services there were LVC grads." LVC's recently retired chaplain continues that tradition today. **The Rev. Dr. D. Darrell Woomer** co-leads an annual hymn sing for 1,200 people in Campmeeting's historic 1899 Tabernacle. This year, he also presented a series of four talks on contemporary Christian issues for the Chautauqua, and he has presided over the annual New Orleans-style Sunday jazz

"It was time for the College to reconnect with Mt. Gretna."

— DR. HOWARD APPLGATE



Shelby Applegate '96
and Dr. Howard
Applegate



The Rev. James Corbett '63 (at left), a past president of the Chautauqua, is spearheading an effort to return more scientific and religious programming to the Chautauqua and is well-known in town for the model railroad that runs through the yard of his cottage, The Evergreen (above). Charles "Chuck" Allwein '64 (center, below) purchased the famous Jigger Shop in his junior year at LVC and is still the proprietor. He was recently joined by (from left) Ryan Zvorsky '09, Shaylene Scheib '07, and Rachel Mingle '09 for some of the shop's frozen treats.

service at the open-air playhouse for 13 years, where the famous New Black Eagle Jazz Band plays yearly following its Saturday performance. "It's a fun service," says Woomer, who

is now recognized on the street as "the jazz reverend from Mt. Gretna." But on most other Sundays in the playhouse for the last 16 years, it has been **Mary Ellen Kinch '49** who has played the piano for services. Kinch also started the free Sunday mini-concerts on the steps of the Hall of Philosophy.

Another LVC graduate, **The Rev. James Corbett '63**, a past president of the Chautauqua, spearheaded

an effort two years ago to return more scientific and religious programming to the Chautauqua to fulfill its historic mission of providing instruction in science and religion as well as literature and the arts. As the June 13, 2006 *Mt. Gretna Newsletter* put it: "Finally, let there be no doubt: The Campmeeting and Chautauqua programs are alive and well. Both now have cultural and scientific endeavors that rival anything imagined when they started more than a century ago."

LVC trustees, alumni, faculty, staff, and *emeriti* traditionally have provided a huge amount of support to an astounding range of events and institutions at Mt. Gretna from its beginnings to the present day.

This article can touch only a few of them.

Stroll around Mt. Gretna and you will find LVC alumnus

Charles "Chuck" Allwein '64, who bought The



Jigger Shop while still a junior at LVC, and who now, 44 years later, also serves as Gretna Borough president. Just up the hill, Chemistry Lecturer **Cynthia Johnston '87** staffs the box office at the Gretna Playhouse. Across Route 117, LVC adjunct music instructor and Mt. Gretna resident **Andy Roberts** plays the piano at the Timbers Dinner Theatre, where he is the creative director. He showcases the music of composers like Cole Porter, George Gershwin, and Irving Berlin in song-and-dance revues with titles such as *Get Happy!* while he leads an all-LVC trio from the piano, with **Ryan Baltz '08** on bass and **Dave Lazorcik '80** on drums. Roberts learned how to create these shows from the late **Rodney Miller '77**, who served as the Timbers creative director for two decades.

Most of the work done by those with LVC ties is donated. "We're all volunteers—it's a community of volunteers," says **Kathie Erdman**, wife of LVC music adjunct **Jim Erdman**, and a co-founder, with Kinch, of the Chautauqua's ever-popular Cicada Festival. That's a weeklong, family-friendly concert series in August, with tickets priced at an affordable \$8.

In the mid-1990s, Erdman points out, former LVC President **Dr. John Synodinos H'96** and then-College Dean **Dr. William McGill** performed very successfully at the Mt. Gretna Playhouse in the two-man play *Mr. Emerson and Henry*. The Chautauqua has continued with play readings every summer since. The play about Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau was written by **Dr. Arthur Ford '59**, now a professor *emeritus* of English.

Jim Erdman, whose career as a professional musician has given him access to major artists, has secured musicians for both Mt. Gretna and the College. For instance, classical guitarist Berta Rojas, after appearing at Gretna a few seasons ago, was at the College this fall to give a concert and master classes. Erdman also served on the Mt. Gretna Borough Council for a dozen years, half of them as president.

Deborah Hurst '84 heads up the volunteers at Gretna's postage-stamp library, and with her husband, Jeff, donated the diversity library in LVC's Miller Chapel. She also serves as secretary of the Mt. Gretna Historical Society.

Applegate's wife, **Shelby Applegate '96**, is a well-known local artist who for years has been a major contributor to the Mt. Gretna Outdoor Art Show, both behind the scenes, serving on the Mt. Gretna Arts Council, the organizing force behind Mt. Gretna's cultural offerings, and for many years at the show with her mixed media art. She sees Lebanon Valley College's Annual Juried Art Show as a way the thriving arts communities in Mt. Gretna and the College



The majestic Hotel Conewago (1909–1940) boasted spacious verandas to take in commanding views of the lake. There were chefs from New York, servants in uniform, a grand staircase, and affluent visitors. Guests rode the narrow-gauge railroad, foreground, to the depot, park, or lake.

connect. She and a handful of other Mt. Gretna artists are often chosen to take part in it each spring.

This year, Applegate opened her garden for Mt. Gretna's garden tour, but in the strong tradition of neighborliness at Mt. Gretna, her front yard garden is always open to visitors. She leaves two pairs of garden shears for passersby, one at her art studio door and one at her front door. "I tell people to pick flowers all the time—otherwise I will have to deadhead them."

LVC trustee and adjunct business instructor **Lynn Phillips '68** and Corbett opened their homes for this year's annual house tour, which raises some \$10,000 annually to support Music at Gretna. Phillips, who lives in the Conewago Hills section of town, enjoys a splendid view of Lake Conewago. Corbett is a trailblazer in the Chautauqua for being the first, nine years ago, to set up a garden train in his front yard. There are now four of them scattered around Mt. Gretna.

Biology professors **Drs. Paul Wolf** and **Susan Verhoek** from LVC not only bring their classes to Mt. Gretna to explore the great diversity in the ecology of the area, but Verhoek also conducts summer nature walks for the Chautauqua, continuing a long tradition of LVC-supplied naturalists. One of the first may have been **Dr. Samuel H. Derickson 1902, H'25**, who was a biology professor for 47 years before retiring in 1950. In his 1990 book, *Mt. Gretna, A Coleman Legacy*, Bitner writes "When we look back on the Mt. Gretna of the early 20th century, we perceive it as an utterly charming, simple and naïve era. It was a time when picnics and nature



Andy Roberts, a well-known jazz pianist and LVC adjunct music instructor, is musical director of Mt. Gretna's Timbers Dinner Theatre.

walks in the woods were popular, and at Mt. Gretna there were those who were well qualified to conduct them, such as professors Derickson and Hoffsommer of the Campmeeting grounds.”

Nowadays, all Mt. Gretna’s activity starts to unfold three weeks after LVC students have left for the year. And Gretna’s summer season is over just a week after the students return to the Valley. In September, Mt. Gretna slips back into the quiet of the surrounding wilderness, buffered against encroaching development from virtually every direction by its forests, owned and managed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission and Governor Dick Park (officially the Clarence Schock Memorial Park).

Residents who are weary of the influx of thousands of art and craft show visitors at the end of each August can now treasure

Gretna’s natural beauty again. They can hike or bike the peaceful 12.5 miles on the Lebanon Valley Rail-Trail, all that is left of the Cornwall to Lebanon Railroad that led to the founding of this resort over 120 years ago. Nature lovers can also trek through the woods to see the spectacular view from the 66-foot tower at the highest ridge, Governor Dick. On a clear day, they can overlook five surrounding counties: Lebanon, Lancaster, Dauphin, Berks, and York. Residents can take in the beautiful fall foliage reflected off the picture-perfect 17-acre lake, and finally, when spring comes again, enjoy the glorious display of rhododendrons, mountain laurel, azaleas, nearly 30 species of ferns, and some 100 different wildflowers.

Only a handful of LVC students, mostly on field trips for botany class or a few enterprising hikers, will ever

see these natural wonders. But Gretna’s natural beauty, its close community ties, its charming architecture, and its exciting summer season are deeply appreciated by its yearlong residents. “When I retired from the Marine Band,” Erdman says, where he routinely played for presidents at the White House, “the director said, ‘You’re going to miss this!’ I loved my career, but moving to Mt. Gretna and teaching at the College have made my Marine Band career almost secondary. I came back to my roots,” says the Lebanon County native, “and I’m thrilled.”

Lauren McCartney Cusick is director of media relations at Lebanon Valley College. Deborah Bullock Wescott '95 also contributed to this story.

Kathie Erdman (left) and Mary Ellen Kinch '49 founded Mt. Gretna's Cicada Festival.



(top) Mt. Gretna Post Office; Visitors to the 1906 Post Office often spend 10 minutes or more catching up with their neighbors in this close-knit community; (bottom) Campmeeting cottages.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LVC AND MT. GREтна

In the olden days, the only convenient way to reach Mt. Gretna was by train. The resort was founded by iron magnate Robert Coleman in 1883 as a way to generate traffic on his new Cornwall-to-Lebanon railroad, which connected his vast iron-making enterprises in Colebrook and Cornwall to the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Lebanon. But Coleman, a committed philanthropist, also wanted to provide a pleasant picnic area. Mt. Gretna was immediately recognized as an ideal spot along the way for a train station and recreational area.

In 1884, Coleman cleared a place for a park in Mt. Gretna, named by a railroad executive's wife for the Scottish resort of Gretna Green. A year later, Coleman dammed the creek to form Lake Conewago. Coleman also cleared 120 adjacent acres for the Pennsylvania National Guard, which in 1885 began a 50-year summer encampment before moving to Fort Indiantown Gap in 1933. Four years later, he added a narrow-gauge railroad to the area's highest peak, Governor Dick, and to the Pennsylvania National Guard encampment area. Within a few years, Mt. Gretna was one of the most popular recreation spots in the entire state, and welcomed thousands of "railroad-captive" guests each summer.

In 1892, Coleman leased two nearby parcels of land on either side of an old wagon trail called The Pinch (now Pinch Road). One 30-acre parcel went to Campmeeting for summer Bible study. It was members of the United Brethren in Christ Church—an evangelical sect that is now part of the United Methodist Church—who approached Coleman with the idea of founding a summer Campmeeting at Mt. Gretna. The other, slightly larger tract was leased for a Chautauqua campus, founded as part of a movement sweeping the country that was dedicated to bringing culture and education to everyone, not just the elite. Hundreds of Chautauquas were fashioned after an educational experiment in out-of-school, vacation learning on Lake Chautauqua, N.Y.

Lebanon Valley College was also founded by the United Brethren Christ Church, so it's not surprising that **Dr. Daniel D. Lowery** and **The Rev. H.B. Dohner 1878**, who were both trustees of

the College, made that visit to see Coleman about Campmeeting. Coleman was then one of the five wealthiest men in the United States. His fortune, listed as \$30 million in 1899, outstripped J.P. Morgan's, Marshall Field's, and F.W. Vanderbilt's.

Dohner was presiding elder of the Campmeeting's first annual meeting, and LVC mathematic professor **John Evans Lehman 1874** was put in charge of the music. One hundred years later, LVC faculty and administrators were still leaders: **The Rev. Dr. Carl Y. Ehrhart '40**, a philosophy professor and a longtime vice president and dean of LVC, was chairman of the 1992 Bible program committee, and LVC scholar and librarian **Dr. Donald Fields '24** was gratefully acknowledged for maintaining the archives of the Evangelical United Brethren that served as the basis of Campmeeting's 1992 centennial booklet.

Dohner was also on the committee that initiated plans for the Chautauqua, which in the days before summer schools at colleges and universities, served as a means of continuing education, and even received a subsidy from the state. After graduating from LVC in 1878, Dohner earned his divinity degree from the Chautauqua School of Theology in New York.

Mt. Gretna's Chautauqua district streets reflected the Chautauqua's zest for learning—they are named for the Ivies: Harvard, Yale, Princeton, etc., and even for central Pennsylvania universities such as Lehigh and Muhlenberg. But despite Mt. Gretna's far deeper ties to LVC, neither Dohner—nor anyone else—saw to it that a street was named for Lebanon Valley College, an oversight that did not hinder Mt. Gretna's success.

"The Chautauqua—the grandest system of comprehensive education ever conceived and operated, has at Mount Gretna, one of the best, most widely known, summer schools and assemblies—the Pennsylvania Chautauqua," wrote an early admirer of the resort in a railroad brochure quoted in Bitner's book.

The late **Edna J. Carmean**, wife of the late **Dr. D. Clark Carmean H'95**, a longtime dean of admission at the College, wrote in her book, *Lebanon County, Pennsylvania—A History*, "During the 1890s, the students and faculty of Lebanon Valley College held an annual 'Chestnut Picnic' at Mt.

Gretna every fall. They boarded the train at Annville in the morning with their picnic baskets full of food and came back in the evening loaded with chestnuts. That was when the mountains were dotted with beautiful chestnut trees, before they were killed by the chestnut blight." That blight began locally around 1904, and by 1920, the chestnut tree had been wiped out in Pennsylvania.

In 1920, still in the heyday of the Chautauqua, Lebanon Valley College built on the educational tradition of both institutions by launching its first summer school at Mt. Gretna. Two-credit courses cost \$12, and students boarded at one of the hotels, now all gone—the majestic 125-room Hotel Conewago with its castellated towers and magnificent view of the lake, the more modest Chautauqua Inn, or the Kauffman Hotel. The College's 1921 catalogue promised, "The environment, the social life of the resort, the opportunities for healthful recreation, as well as for quiet and effective study make this an ideal location for a Summer School."

But only two years later, the summer school was relocated to Annville, and LVC's catalogue of 1923 touted the virtues of its own campus instead: "Lebanon Valley College is fortunate in being unusually well equipped with buildings for its various needs, including attractive, modern residence halls for men and women ... and other splendid buildings."

As summer schools became more common at colleges and universities, where college credits could be earned, the appeal of non-credit courses at Chautauquas waned all across the country. No doubt LVC's Summer School in Annville indirectly hastened the decline of the Chautauqua at Mt. Gretna. At the same time, the Model T Ford gave families mobility for vacations, and many preferred the ocean. The Great Depression and the relocation of the Pennsylvania National Guard to Fort Indiantown Gap in 1933 also contributed to a drop in programming at the Chautauqua during the late 1930s and 1940s. Today, Mt. Gretna is considered a "revival" Chautauqua—only a handful have operated continuously.

LVC Registrar Pat Kaley '96 contributed research for this history.

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\$50 Million Great

College Exceeds



In June, Lebanon Valley College reached a successful conclusion to its \$50-million comprehensive campaign. The ambitious goal, the largest single fund-raising effort in the institution's history, was exceeded by more than \$5.4 million with gifts totaling \$55,402,758.

The public phase of the campaign began in the spring of 2002. Goals were to increase the College's endowment, enhance current operations, and complete several capital projects, including the Neidig-Garber Science Center, now near completion.

College President Stephen C. MacDonald said the successful completion of the campaign represents an enormous achievement for

Lebanon Valley College.

"The material resources we assembled in this campaign assure the continuation and the strengthening of the education we offer our students," said MacDonald. "We will be able to provide those students with the faculty, the facilities, the laboratories and classrooms, and the educational technology that make our educational programs so strong. And we will be able to provide our

students and their families with the financial aid and scholarships that make this education affordable."

In spite of a national economic downturn and the tragedy of 9/11 early in the campaign, members of the Valley community remained positive about the campaign's success. Nearly two thirds of the College's alumni base and 98 percent of the College's faculty and administration

Expectations Campaign Goal



GREAT EXPECTATIONS A CAMPAIGN FOR LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE

Thank you to all of the following students for this fun photo session (l. to r.): Tony Setley '08, Rick Korsak '10, Daryl Buck '10, Adam Hurst '09, Terry Kaufman '08, Dan Hodge '09, Munya Jakazi '10, Dustin Kerns '09, Lauren Ferrara '09, Collin Tanawath '09, James Shinn '11, Samantha Gatewood '11, Jared Pitt '08, Jason Scala '08, Samantha Mohr '10, Ryan Zvorsky '09, Holly Spangenburg '09, Savannah Coombs '09, Angie Sollenberger '10, Arthur Elder '07, '08, Jen Reilly '10, Nicole Caruso '08, D'10, Timothy Garrett '08, Becky Roof '08, Tim Kissinger '09, and Steve Deitzler '09.

supported the campaign.

"All of our many donors came through with their enthusiastic support for the future of Lebanon Valley College," said **Thomas C. Reinhart '58, H'97**. "We are very grateful for the generosity of all those who gave to the campaign—the trustees, faculty, administration, current and past parents, alumni, and friends of the College. Without their combined support, the

goal of this campaign would not have been obtained."

Gifts ranged from modest amounts offered by senior students prior to graduation to multimillion-dollar gifts from friends of the College. Additional contributions were received from corporations and local, regional, and national foundations.

The goals of the campaign included \$21.9 million for capital construction projects.

These projects included the creation of the Heilman Sports and Fitness Center, home to the College's Physical Therapy Program; a new gymnasium; the conversion of Lynch Memorial Hall into a center for teaching and learning; and a complete renovation and expansion of Garber Science Center. For the College's endowment, \$19.8 million was raised. These funds will be used to provide perpetual support

for student scholarships, to create faculty chairs and professorships, and to develop academic programs that add color and depth to the LVC experience. The campaign raised an additional \$12.6 million for current operations. These funds help to maintain The Valley Fund, the College's annual fund, which supports the Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery, and other ongoing needs of the College.

Valley

By Sara Hodon '02

A Springtime
tradition
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Fest



LVC students line up to take a chance running through the "pillow" obstacle course during ValleyFest 2007.

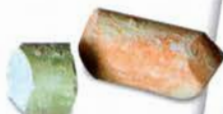
ValleyFest began at Lebanon Valley College as the Spring Arts Festival in 1971. Over the years, it grew to be the most popular event on campus for students and the surrounding community.

Then it morphed again, gaining a somewhat notorious reputation as the celebration occasionally got out of hand.

Now, it has returned to its roots as a tamer, more community-minded festival that brings LVC students and the community together to listen to student and local bands, sample new foods, and watch children enjoying inflatable amusements and face painting. The long-running Juried Art Show that began with the first Spring Arts Festival still celebrates the rich, diverse offerings of central Pennsylvania's best artists, and marked its 36th year in 2007.



LVC students and community members stroll past vendor displays (left) while listening to music while others create art with chalk on the sidewalks of campus (below) during ValleyFest 2007.



In 1971, **Don Frantz '72**, then a junior, went to an arts festival in Harrisburg and sensed that a similar event would be popular on campus. During the fall of 1970, the annual play and the Christmas concert were canceled due to a lack of participation. Students were disappointed that not much was happening on campus that year. Frantz knew the time was right to hold an arts festival. "I said to members of the student government, 'Everything is being stopped, nothing's being invented. Why not try this?'" he recalls. Faculty members **Dr. Art Ford** and **Glenn Woods**, now *emeriti* professors of English, and **Robert S. Glitz**, then of the Art Department, were especially supportive of the idea. Frantz and a small group of students organized a committee and began to work on the first annual Spring Arts Festival.

As with any event, funding was an issue. "There was a lot of doubt that it would occur," Frantz explains. The committee wrote a grant, received the funding, and started organizing a schedule in earnest.

Sculpture and other pieces of art were placed at various locations on campus. There were poetry readings, and, Frantz recalls, there was a lot of emphasis on the environment.

As the atmosphere on campus evolved, Spring Arts evolved with it. Soon the festival was known as the most popular event on campus for students, friends, and alumni alike. For seniors, Spring Arts was the last weekend to celebrate with friends before the anxiety of finals and graduation. For underclassmen, it was a weekend to hear some music, and have one last get-together with friends before summer break.

New events were added and other campus organizations and departments became involved. The Art Department partnered with the Spring Arts committee to feature a student art show. The Wig and Buckle Theater Company scheduled a special production for that weekend. Alpha Psi Omega, the theater fraternity, gave an outdoor improv performance on Sunday afternoon. Student organizations were invited to set up food stands and use

the sales as fundraisers for their groups. Outside crafters sold their wares in a huge tent, and children's activities were added to the schedule to encourage the community to visit the campus.

Almost completely student-run, "The planning committee was basically on its own," recalls **Kathryn E. Laepple '00**, who co-chaired the event in 1999 and 2000. "There were some exceptions with faculty members and administrators who were incredibly supportive, like **Jen Evans**, director of student activities. But on the whole, it was just us."

Music was always a main focus of Spring Arts. It usually featured two smaller stages on the academic and social quads so campus bands and local performers could play throughout the day. Until 2001, the evening concerts were staged in the parking lot of Arnold Sports Center. Later, the stage was moved inside the Sports Center. Starting in 1999, all students were required to purchase wristbands in order to attend the evening concerts.

"I worked on Spring Arts the first year we had students purchase wristbands, and that caused quite a stir," recalls Laepple. Students complained about the cost, but their purchases continued.

The evening concerts, still held in Arnold Sports Center, have changed over the years. The bill has gone from cover bands and local favorites to national acts.

Spring Arts operated under a new name, The Cherry Blossom Festival, beginning in 2003. The cherry blossom trees on Sheridan Avenue had recently been planted, and an international theme was incorporated into the 2003 festival to help attract more visitors from the community. The following year would see more changes for the Spring Arts Festival.

During the 2003 festival, a group of students visiting for the weekend caused a disturbance that drew police officers from over five townships to campus. College administrators considered canceling the festival indefinitely. The following year, **Gene Kelly '01** was hired as the assistant director of student activities. He faced the momentous task of saving the most popular weekend of the year. Kelly and then-chair **Mark McGuire '06** fought to continue the event, and by working with College administrators to change the festival policies, ValleyFest was born in 2005. "By changing the focus to a more family-friendly atmosphere, with children's

activities, carnival games, food vendors, and different types of music, we are trying to change that [negative] association [of Spring Arts]," Kelly explains.

The ValleyFest committee has tried a number of new approaches to bring students the kind of festival they want. Beginning in 2005, the committee has been able to raise enough money to secure one or two national recording acts for the weekend. Less Than Jake played in 2005, The Gin Blossoms played in 2006, and Everclear performed in 2007, along with Emerson Drive, the first-ever country headliner. "We're trying very hard to diversify the musical offerings," Kelly says.

With a 2007 budget of \$78,000, raising the necessary funds for an event like ValleyFest was one of the committee's biggest challenges. The students were forced to come up with more creative fundraisers each year. Some of their fundraisers included selling pizza door-to-door in the residence halls, a battle of the bands, hosting various vendors on campus, and a revival of the Mister and Miss LVC contest. "Students were nominated by classmates. The winners were king and queen of the festival," explains 2007 ValleyFest co-chair **Joann Southard '07**.

Southard says that the new initiatives made for a safer event, but the atmosphere has definitely changed since the days of Spring Arts. "This weekend is supposed

to be relaxed, stress-free, and fun. I think ValleyFest has an image of being more uptight than Spring Arts, and I think that needs to change. We had a great festival last year, and we learned a lot after making the changes," she explains. "**President MacDonald** has been really supportive and helpful in trying to make this festival more enjoyable for the students. I know how hard students work here and to have this weekend is a relief for the campus and the community."

Although it may take time for alumni to warm up to the changes that the Spring Arts Festival has experienced over the past few years, the ValleyFest committee believes that they are headed in the right direction. "I think it takes some time for the hype about Spring Arts to die down, but the College has learned a lot over the years with the festival," Southard explains. "We [the student committee and college administrators] agree that it's a tradition that needs to continue."

As the committee's advisor, Kelly's vision for ValleyFest is simple: "I would like to see it truly become a community/College event—the quad filled with people relaxing and enjoying the festivities."

Sarah Hodon '02 is a part-time freelance writer and works full-time for a non-profit organization based in Pottsville. She chaired the 2002 festival and was co-chair in 2001.



A photographer captured an aerial view (right) of an early festival crowd.

Live band performances (left) have been a mainstay of the festival since its inception. Performers have ranged from LVC religious bands to national performing stars.



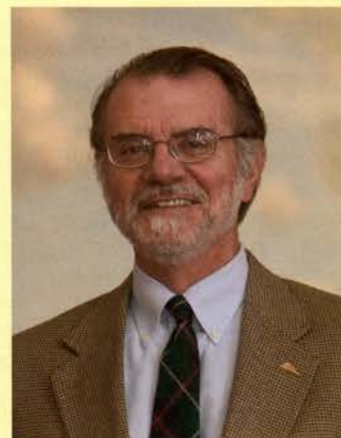
Dr. MacDonald Named to Four Philanthropic Boards

LVC President **Stephen C. MacDonald** was named to the boards of four philanthropic, higher education, and arts organizations within the past year.

In January 2007, he was named to the The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC), a Harrisburg non-profit organization that stimulates philanthropy and enhances the quality of life in the community through accumulating, managing, and disbursing financial assets. MacDonald serves on TFEC's Whitaker Foundation Committee, which works to improve science and mathematics facilities and equipment at area public and private schools, as well as to promote science and

mathematics education in grades K-12.

MacDonald was also elected to the board of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP), a statewide organization that serves private higher education by complementing and supporting the work of campus leaders; to the board of the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), the same organization that accredited LVC's Physical Therapy Program in March 2006; and to the board of the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, which for 77 years has been one of the Capital Region's cornerstone cultural institutions.



DID YOU KNOW that donors to the Great Expectations Campaign created 50 new, permanently endowed scholarships making it possible for students to gain the most from a Valley education?

Enrollment Still on the Rise

LVC's enrollment continues to rise. There were 1,660 full-time undergraduates registered for the fall semester, eight more than last year. Twenty-six full-time graduate students are pursuing their doctorates in physical therapy, and approximately 150 to 160 part-time graduate students are enrolled.

The entering freshman class included eight high school valedictorians among the 457 highly qualified students. Ten more freshmen were salutatorians.

Eighty-three percent of first-year students were awarded one of the College's Presidential Scholarships. That plan guarantees tuition discounts to high-achieving first-year and transfer students.

Three of the new first-year students received the President's Award, a full-

The Economic Impact OF LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE

ECONOMIC ENGINE: Lebanon Valley College had a combined total economic impact of over \$300 million in Lebanon County from 2000–2005, according to an economic survey recently released.

In 2005 alone, the most recent year of the study, Lebanon Valley College spent over \$2 million for capital improvements, goods, services, and supplies in Lebanon County. LVC employees spent over \$7 million for housing, food, supplies, entertainment, and other items in Lebanon County during this same period. Of this, over \$3 million was spent in the

Greater Annville area.

Aside from direct economic impact, LVC faculty and staff contributed over 51,000 hours of community service, the equivalent of more than \$930,000, during the past three academic years.

LVC President **Dr. Stephen C. MacDonald** noted that the results further emphasize the common bond between the College and the local community. "We are inseparable, and together, help make the community such a desirable environment for residents and students alike."

tuition, merit-based scholarship. Two hundred four students qualified for the one-half tuition Vickroy Award. One hundred six first-year students were awarded the one-third tuition Leadership Award, and 65 students earned the one-quarter tuition Achievement Award. Fifty-four percent of the new students graduated in the top 20 percent of their high school classes.

DID YOU KNOW that the recently completed Great Expectations Campaign raised over \$55.4 million, surpassing its \$50 million goal?

President Bush Names LVC Science Teacher as one of Top U.S. Educators

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH honored science teacher **Joey Rider M'02**, a graduate of LVC's Master of Science Education (MSE) Program, with the 2006 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. "My MSE degree from LVC is what turned me on to science!" Rider said in an interview after receiving her award. She is now an adjunct instructor in LVC's master's degree program, as well as a teacher at Schaeffer Elementary School in Manheim Township, Lancaster County.

This award, the nation's highest honor for teaching in

mathematics and science, was presented to Rider in mid-May during a trip to Washington, D.C. Rider also received a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation, the federal agency that administers the awards program on behalf of the White House. She was the only Pennsylvania honoree and one of only 93 teachers nationwide to receive the prestigious award this year.

Jeff Remington, also an adjunct instructor in LVC's MSE Program, won the award in 2003. He is a science teacher for the Palmyra Area Middle School.



Joey Rider M'02 (front row, far left) was honored by President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush along with other top science educators in Washington, D.C.

In the citation given to Rider, President Bush commended her "for embodying excellence in teaching, for devotion to the learning

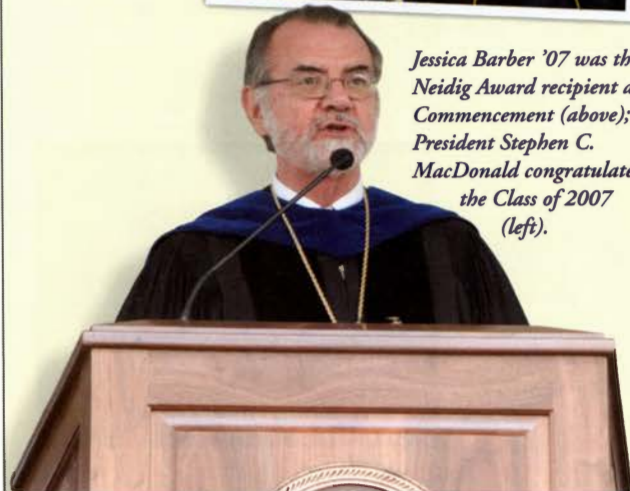
needs of the students, and for upholding the high standards that exemplify American education at its finest."



New graduates take the historic walk as they are honored by the faculty (left).



Jessica Barber '07 was the Neidig Award recipient at Commencement (above); President Stephen C. MacDonald congratulates the Class of 2007 (left).



LVC Graduates the Largest Class in its History

Lebanon Valley College awarded diplomas in May to the largest class in the history of the College. Three hundred forty seniors graduated on Rohland Field, along with 14 master's degree students and 18 students who earned doctorates in physical therapy. Over 50 other students who earned degrees in December also took part in the ceremonies.

Commencement speaker **Dr. J. Patrick Brewer**, an associate professor of mathematical sciences at LVC, told the nearly 400 graduates that the value of a college education is learning "how to learn ... Education transforms lives. Turns 'Nos' into 'Yeses.' Roadblocks into speed bumps ... whatever you find, you'll face it differently and with more hope because of your time here."

The top student award, the Howard Neidig Award, went to **Jessica Barber**, a psychology and French major who minored in political science. **Dr. Philip Billings**, an English professor at LVC for 37 years, won The Thomas Rhys Vickroy Award for teaching, the College's top teaching award for a full-time faculty member. The prestigious honor is announced and presented each year at the Commencement ceremonies, and according to tradition, that winner will deliver next year's Commencement address. **Anna Tilberg**, an adjunct instructor in biology, won the 2007 Nevelyn J. Knisley Award, which goes to part-time and adjunct members of the College faculty. **Dr. M. Jane Yingling**, an assistant professor of education, won the Educator of the Year Award, which is voted on by the students.

The guest speaker for the baccalaureate service in Miller Chapel immediately prior to Commencement was the **Rev. Allan F. Wolfe**, M. Div., who is a parochial vicar at San Juan Bautista parish in Lancaster and chaplain for Lancaster Catholic High School. He is the son of LVC biology professor **Dr. Allan Wolfe** and **Julie Wolfe**, director of LVC's Shroyer Health Center and head nurse.

New Trustees

Geret P. DePiper '68, a retired senior vice president and chief operating officer with CSX World Terminals, a container shipping company, was appointed in May to serve on the LVC Board of Trustees. After graduation, he served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Transportation Corporation. In 1972, he began his career with Sea-Land Service, Inc., which was acquired by CSX Railroad in 1986. Sea-Land was the company that invented ocean container shipping. DePiper started as a management trainee, and in 2005, he retired. CSX World Terminals, LLC, is a builder and operator of container terminals and ports globally. Through the course of his career, DePiper lived and worked overseas three times: managing logistics supplies in the Gulf War; building a new port of Salalah for transshipments through the straits of Hormuz; and building the largest container port in North Asia located in Pusan, Korea. Since retiring, he and his wife, **Theresa Leatherstone DePiper '71**, have lived in Charleston, S.C. They have three children. He most recently visited campus in the fall of 2006 when he served as a Lazin resident.



Dr. Louis B. Laguna, LVC associate professor of psychology, is the new faculty representative on the Board of Trustees. His teaching interests are in clinical psychology, psychopharmacology, and forensic psychology. He supervises the internship students and is a licensed clinical psychologist. Laguna's research interests include the psychophysiological processes of fear and a variety of topics in police and forensic psychology. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association. Laguna graduated in 1990 with a bachelor of science degree from The Pennsylvania State University. Two years later, he earned a master of science degree from Millersville University of Pennsylvania. In 1995, he was awarded a master of arts degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where, three years later, he also earned his doctoral degree.

Charles Ryan Fisher '09, of Reading, began his term in May as a student trustee. He was one of three students elected by his peers as a candidate for the position, before being chosen for the honor by the board. The education major serves as treasurer of his class. He is working toward a degree in elementary and special education.



LVC Names a New Vice President for Student Affairs

Gregory H. Krikorian has been named vice president for student affairs at LVC. He assumed his new duties in July. Before coming to LVC, he most recently served as vice president for student life at Hartwick College, Oneonta, N.Y.

Krikorian, who has nearly two decades of experience as a student life administrator, "brings excellent credentials to be an effective vice president for student affairs," LVC President **Stephen C. MacDonald** said. "We are very pleased to have found a vice president who brings such a depth of experience and so many talents to Lebanon Valley College," MacDonald added.

Krikorian holds a new title, taking over a similar role held by **Gregory Stanson '63**, who retired in December 2006 after more than 40 years with the College. Krikorian is the senior student affairs officer of the College. He is engaged in long-range strategic planning for College-wide learning outcomes assessments and is focusing on increasing student retention and campus diversity.



DID YOU KNOW the College endowment went from \$18.4 million before the Great Expectations Campaign to over \$44 million by its completion?

FACULTY AND STUDENT NEWS

Dr. Lou Manza, associate professor and chair of psychology, and his student research assistants presented a poster in March at the 2007 meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in Philadelphia. **Doug Arnold '06**, **Kathy Davis '06**, **Jess Ferrell '05**, **Jarred Jenkins '05**, **Caitlin Flinn '05**, **Danielle DeLellis '06**, **Dan DelCollo '05**, **Alisa Albers '06**, **Elise DeVere '07**, **Jodi Lehman '07**, and **Heather Przyhocki '07** worked with Manza on the poster.

Dr. Grant Taylor, assistant professor of art and digital communications, **Dr. Michael Pittari**, assistant professor of art, and **Karen Beall**, adjunct instructor in art, have redesigned the hallways of Lynch Memorial Hall, displaying student artwork

throughout. Mediums range from framed prints created by students in Taylor's Design II class, to drawings performed by students in three of Pittari's art classes, to drape forms made by students in Beall's ceramics course. The art will be rotated throughout the academic year; visitors are welcome.

Dr. Anderson Marsh, assistant professor of chemistry, received a \$144,600 research grant from the National Science Foundation to support nanocatalyst research at LVC. Marsh earned the grant after a rigorous six-month peer-review process. It will support a three-year project providing summer salaries for student and faculty researchers, chemical supplies, and funds for students and faculty to travel to scientific meetings to present their findings.

Marsh's current research group consists of **Jason Navin '08**, **Carrie Kauffman '08**, **Michael Porambo '09**, and **Christopher Berg '10**. In the

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revitalized Neidig-Garber Science Center, the Marsh group will carry out this work in the new nanotechnology laboratory and in the chemistry instrumentation laboratory. In the past two years, undergraduate students working with Marsh on several projects have presented 12 research papers at regional and national scientific meetings. One of his students, **Thomas Gordon '07**, won a national first-place award in the Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry at the 2006 American Chemical Society Meeting in San Francisco.

Dr. Sharon Arnold, chair and associate professor of sociology, recently announced that LVC's Sociology Department was awarded a chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD), the international society of scholars dedicated to scholarship in the study of sociology. LVC will induct its first AKD class in spring 2008.

Dr. Barbara Anderman, chair and associate professor of art and art history, delivered a paper in March, titled "Medals, Manuscripts, and Maroquins: Colbert, Greece, and Some Sources of Neo-Classical Imagery" at the annual meeting of the American Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies in Atlanta. She also presented

a paper in July, titled "Contacts Between the Eighteenth-Century Academies Royales and Some Implications for the Arts," at the *XIIIe Congrès International des Lumières* in Montpellier, France.

Dr. Jean-Paul Benowitz, adjunct instructor of history, presented a paper in April, titled "The Senators Kennedy: Jack, Bobby, and Ted; Sixty Years of the Life and Work of the Kennedy Brothers in the United States Senate," at the annual meeting of the American Culture Association in Boston.

Dr. Joerg Mayer, professor *emeritus* of mathematical sciences, continues to write reviews for *CHOICE*, the journal of the American Library Association. In 2006, he began writing a weekly column for his Vermont hometown daily, the *Brattleboro Reformer*.

The Rev. Dr. Paul M. Fullmer, LVC chaplain, recently co-authored and published

a booklet, titled *Greek at a Glance: Summary Reference Sheets for Readers of New Testament Greek* (with Robert H. Smith).

Frank Mols joined the College in July as the new director of the Bishop Library. Mols comes to LVC with 17 years of experience at Binghamton University in New York, where he served as an interim director and associate director. He also brings academic library experience from Old Dominion University, Grand Valley State College, and Pennsylvania State University.

Joëlle Lemerle Stopkie, professor *emerita* of French, has launched a new adult education program in Montpellier, France. The Adult Cultural Program is a two- to four-week program designed for adults, couples, or individuals, active or retired. The program aims to increase the participants' enjoyment of French culture. It contains several optional modules: French civilization, language, culture, cooking, and excursions. Participants can choose accommodations either in a studio apartment or with a family.

Virginia Gagliardi '07 had one of her compositions published in *Sticks and Stones*, a collection of student writing used in composition classrooms throughout the world. She originally wrote "Left Out" for **Dr. Jeff Ritchie's** English 112 class. Ritchie is an assistant professor of English and digital communications.

Dr. Michael Day, professor of physics, will have an article published in 2008, titled "E. U. Condon: Science, Religion, and the Politics of World Peace," published in the journal *Physics in Perspective*. The article, along with two previous articles—"Oppenheimer on the Nature of Science" and "I. I. Rabi: The Two Cultures and the Universal Culture of Science"—form a trilogy on Cold War physicists and their views on science and society.

Chemistry majors **Timothy Garrett '08** and **Kenneth Houser '08** were honored at the U.S. Capitol this past spring for their research on the synthesis of compounds that function as environmental sensors. They were two of only 60 undergraduate science students in the nation to have their work selected for *Posters on the Hill*, an undergraduate research showcase in Washington, D.C. Houser and Garrett worked under the guidance of **Dr. Marc Harris**, assistant professor of chemistry, on a project to encapsulate metal ions that may be present in nuclear-waste material. Their work has recently been accepted for publication in *The Journal of Inclusion Phenomena and Macrocyclic Chemistry*.



Timothy Garrett '08 (far left) and Kenneth Houser '08 (second from left) met with U.S. Rep. Tim Holden (D-17). Both LVC students work with Dr. Marc Harris (far right), assistant professor of chemistry.



Dr. John Norton, professor *emeritus* of political science, was recently honored by some of his former students through the establishment of a new book fund at the College. He has provided the following acknowledgement:

"I was very pleased and moved when Eve Lindenmuth Bodeux '87 and Renato Biribin '90 announced the creation of the Norton Book Fund at the alumni awards dinner in June. Their remarks at the presentation meant a great deal to me. Since I am an avid book lover, there could be no more appropriate or appreciated honor. To those who initiated this award, and to those who support it, I give my heartfelt thanks."

*John Norton
Emeritus Professor of Political Science*

Faculty Cinema

This column made its debut in the fall 2006 issue of *The Valley*. Here, two more faculty members share insights on their favorite films.

DR. JEFF RITCHIE ON A GUILTY PLEASURE

Dr. Jeff Ritchie is an assistant professor of English and digital communications.

Shaun of the Dead (2004) is the type of film that I am embarrassed to admit I enjoy. Just as I watch *A Christmas Story* every Christmas Eve, *Shaun of the Dead* is the film I turn to before Halloween when I want to laugh and escape from midterms. The plot is quite simple. Boy lacking ambition loses girl. Boy attempts to be a hero, saves girl from zombies, and all is right with the world. The title, like the film, parodies George Romero's grisly, apocalyptic film *Dawn of the Dead*. The lead, played by Simon Pegg, is an open-mouthed, 20-something who holds a dead-end job and somnambulates about his life in the suburbs of London. And that's the point. The film ridicules those rutted, habit-constrained lives that lack vitality and allow the world's many wonders to pass by. In this world, people can walk about as zombies and few notice. Like another favorite film of mine, *Groundhog Day*, the film holds out hope to those mired in their lives. If you're up for a laugh and can stomach some gore (excuse the pun), this is the film for you. Director: Edgar Wright, written by Simon Pegg and Edgar Wright.

DR. JOHN HINSHAW CHOOSES FAVORITES FOR TWO VERY DIFFERENT AUDIENCES

Dr. John Hinshaw is an associate professor of history and chair of the Department of History and Political Science.

One of my favorite films is actually a miniseries: *Rome*, which was produced by HBO. It dramatizes the last days of the Roman republic and the rise of the Julian family (Julius Caesar and his nephew, Caesar Augustus) as the *de facto* imperial family. Like many historical dramas, *Rome* develops characters at both the top and bottom of society (Julius Caesar, legionaries, and slaves), but unlike most, there is as much drama and action at the middle and bottom levels as at the top. In particular, the friendship of two soldiers, the freewheeling Titus Pullo and his austere and more respectable friend, Lucius Vorenis, are as compelling as the intrigues between Caesar and the Senate. Roman women are every bit as loving and bloodthirsty, lustful, and vengeful as Roman men (or men or women today).

The other film is one of those gems you get when you have children in the house: *Over the Hedge*. It's an animated film about the antics of a conniving raccoon that convinces a "family" of other forest creatures to forage for food in the suburbs, which have decimated their habitat. The creatures are skeptical until the raccoon introduces them to the mystical joys of Nacho Dorritos, at which point they are hooked. I identified a lot with the squirrel, who's so hyperactive that he's never allowed to drink caffeine. Of course, he saves the day in the end. When he drinks an energy drink, he becomes serene (until you realize he's moving so fast everyone else is frozen into place).

LVC Career Connections: Alumni Online Mentoring Program

In 2006, the Career Center launched a new software program, the LVC Job Center, allowing students to receive online assistance with their job search process. This program allows students to search a database of internship and job opportunities. Students can then submit their résumés and cover letters directly to potential employers or internship coordinators. **Join the more than 225 alumni who have already registered to be mentors.**

A component of the LVC Job Center allows the Alumni Office to develop an online network of volunteer mentors. This mentoring program, Career Connections, will provide an opportunity for alumni volunteers to connect with students and other alumni through e-mail or phone conversations. Mentors will assist students with their career exploration and help them through the job search process. Mentors can also assist alumni interested in moving on in their current field of employment or who might want to explore a new career.

Mentors can:

- Help develop a clear perspective about a career field
- Furnish information about a particular company or organization
- Provide information about a geographic area and its resources
- Give advice about the best methods for entering a career field
- Offer advice for résumé development and networking
- Offer a day of shadowing

How the program works:

To join, alumni can visit the Alumni or Career Center home page and register. Alumni will be asked to complete an online profile. Alumni can then serve as mentors, and their profile will be available for all alumni and students to view. Participants can determine how many "contacts" they wish to receive each month. The database for this mentoring program can be sorted by major, occupation/current job description, areas of expertise, co-curricular activities, and geographic region. This will allow students, and alumni to receive more personalized assistance.

To register, please visit www.myinterfase.com/lvc/mentor/home.aspx.

For questions, please contact the Alumni Office at 717-867-6320, 1-800-ALUM-LVC (1-800-258-6582), or alumni@lvc.edu.

DID YOU KNOW seven new academic programs were added during the Great Expectations Campaign that built on the College's historical strengths and continue to draw new students to LVC? To find out which seven programs were added, read the December and January Alumni E-newsletters.

U.S. News Ranks LVC #1 in North in 'Great Schools, Great Prices' Category



Lebanon Valley College was rated number one in the North in the "Great Schools, Great Prices" category among "Best Baccalaureate Colleges" in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2008 edition of the book, *America's Best Colleges*.

For three previous years, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Lebanon Valley College among the top 10 in the "Great Schools, Great Prices" category. The magazine publishes the best-known ratings of the nation's colleges and universities. The 2008 edition lists LVC as eighth overall among all comparable institutions in the Northeastern United States.

Lebanon Valley College has been ranked among the top tier of colleges and universities in its category for 14 consecutive years. LVC is recognized as a national leader in important indicators of academic quality, including student satisfaction and alumni satisfaction. The College is ranked in the top one percent for enrolling Freshmen from the top 25 percent of their High School Class (based on '06 data); the top two percent for Average Freshman Retention Rate (meaning the students return for their sophomore years); the top three percent for Average Graduation Rate; and the top eight percent for Average Alumni Giving Rate.

Alumni Survey Results—Over 2,200 Participants

Thank you to the 2,275 LVC alumni who took the time to fill out the College's first alumni survey in over a decade. The response represents over 17 percent of all living alumni. Some highlights are:

- 77 percent have a strong or very strong level of pride toward LVC
- 97 percent would recommend LVC to friends and family in the college search process
- 80 percent are very satisfied or completely satisfied with *The Valley* magazine
- *The Valley*, the LVC web site, and the monthly alumni e-newsletter are the primary sources of information about LVC
- 84 percent spend at least 30 minutes reading each issue of *The Valley*
- Class Notes and "news about alumni in my class" were the top two areas read in the magazine

LVC License Plates — Only 60 Remaining

Show your Valley pride
wherever you go!

LVC license plates are available for residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The cost is \$20 and delivery takes approximately two to three weeks. Download the application from www.lvc.edu/alumni/licenseplate or, to have one mailed to you, call the Alumni Office at 1-800-ALUMLVC (1-800-258-6582) or 717-867-6320, or alumni@lvc.edu.

Retirees

Five longtime faculty and staff members retired in 2007: **Shirley J. Hockley '80**, director of Annville continuing education; **Gregory G. Stanson '63**, vice president *emeritus* for enrollment and student services; **Dr. John P. Kearney**, professor *emeritus* of English; **O. Kent Reed**, men's and women's track and field coach, and men's cross country coach; and **Beverly A. Yingst**, desk supervisor, Arnold Sports Center.

ALUMNI WEEKEND
June 13–15, 2008

Mark your calendar, and come home to the Valley! Reunite with old friends and see what has changed and what has remained the same at dear old LVC. All alumni are invited, and the class years ending in 3s and 8s are celebrating reunions. Contact the Office of Alumni Programs at 1.800.ALUM.LVC (1.800.258.6582) or alumni@lvc.edu. Schedules of all events will be available in the spring.



Alumni Awards

Editor's Note: A faithful reader recently pointed out that we had neglected to acknowledge the 2004 Alumni Association award recipients. To correct this error, here is the list:

Distinguished Alumni Award
Dr. Robert M. Harbaugh '74
Betty Criswell Hungerford '54

Alumni Citations
Robert J. Brill '61
Robert L. Dinerman '68
Dr. Nancy M. Fenstermacher '61
John "Jack" Hubley '73
Dr. David G. Thompson '65

Young Alumni Award
Suzanne E. Enterline '96

Creative Achievement Award
Dr. Peter H. Riddle '61

**D. Clark Carmean Award
in Admissions**
Georgianne Funk Jones '57
Adora Rabiger Smith '55

LVC Announces Alumni Awards

In June, several Lebanon Valley College alumni received recognition from their *alma mater* during Alumni Weekend festivities. The Distinguished Alumni Award, Young Alumni Award, Dr. June E. Herr Educator Award, Creative Achievement Award, and several Alumni Citations were presented to some of our most distinguished graduates.

LVC Distinguished Alumna Award – 2007

Elizabeth Robinson Unger, Ph.D., M.D., '72

The work of research scientist **Dr. Elizabeth Robinson Unger '72** directly affects the lives of most women, their daughters, and granddaughters. Unger pioneered new methods for detecting the human papillomavirus (HPV) which can lead to cervical cancer. For her contributions to disease control, Unger received the 2007 Lebanon Valley College Distinguished Alumna Award. She is team leader of the Human Papillomavirus Program at the National Center for Infectious Diseases in Atlanta, Ga. This HPV consortium researches how to control not only new HPV infections, but also the major chronic diseases, such as cancer, that it can cause. Unger's awards are numerous; her publication list covers more than two full pages, single spaced; and she is highly recognized for her research interests in molecular diagnostics, viral oncogeneses, and molecular epidemiology. She has also investigated DNA in cancer detection. While studying for her bachelor's degree in chemistry at the College, **Dr. James Spencer** and his faculty team encouraged her to enroll in the Summer Research Program, which helped her find her niche in life, and prepared her exceptionally well, she says, for The University of Chicago's graduate school. She was able to successfully "pass out" of some classes, she reports, because she had mastered "learning to learn" at LVC. Unger is board certified in anatomic pathology. She was a post-doctoral research fellow of the American Cancer Society and The W. W. Smith Charitable Trust in the Pathology Department at Hershey prior to joining the faculty of Emory University as an academic surgical pathologist. Unger also has served as a Girl Scout leader for 26 years and was recently given the Lighthouse Award in the Three Services Unit of Atlanta. Unger and her husband, **Robert L. "Bob" Unger '69**, have Valley "blue blood" in their veins. She has been a valuable scholarship contact and member of the Auxiliary. He was formerly on the staff at the College. Their son, **James**, graduated from LVC in 1998 and their daughter, **Evelyn**, is a senior.



Young Alumni Award

David Sullivan, who earned a degree in accounting in 1992, won the 2007 Young Alumni Award for his devotion to the Valley and commitment to his profession. He has served on the Alumni Council, the Recent Graduate Committee, and the Vickroy Committee. After leading the record-setting 1991 football team, he has been a regular supporter of that LVC athletic program. Since July 2006, Sullivan has been tax administrator and executive director for the Division of Taxation for the State of Rhode Island, overseeing 223 employees. Earlier, for 10 years, he worked for the State of Delaware's Division of Revenue, most recently as deputy director. Sullivan also was an adjunct professor at Wilmington College in Delaware. He holds a master of science degree in taxation from Widener University. He and his wife, **Catherine Crissman Sullivan '94**, reside in East Greenwich, R.I.

Dr. June E. Herr Educator of the Year Award

Lucy LeFevre Sumner '67, founder of The Magic Penny, Inc., a nonprofit organization that develops individualized self-sufficiency action plans to empower rural communities in Sierra Leone, was awarded the Dr. June E. Herr Educator of the Year Award. Dedicated to bringing education, health care, and economic growth to the rural areas of Sierra Leone, The Magic Penny has built a community center for Sumner's home village of Bompehtoke, provided funds to dig five wells to supply fresh water, and built sanitary facilities for the village. The organization is currently trying to raise \$360,000 to build a school for Bompehtoke and the cluster of villages around it. Sumner, who came from Sierra Leone to LVC on a scholarship, recently retired after teaching music for 31 years in Harborfields Central School District, located on Long Island, N.Y., where she resides.

Creative Achievement Award

Cheryl Kirk Noll '72, a freelance illustrator of children's books, was awarded the Alumni Association's 2007 Creative Achievement Award. In addition to contributing drawings to *Highlights for Children* magazine, Noll also has illustrated *The Ben Franklin Book of Easy & Incredible Experiments* as well as *Where is Thumbkin?* Her other books include *The Black Regiment of the American Revolution*, about America's first black soldiers; *A Basket of Bangles*, a picture book about a group of women who live in Bangladesh and start their own business; and *The Crane Wife*, a Japanese folklore of compassion, greed, and loss. Noll specializes in multicultural and historic illustration. She has researched and illustrated stories from diverse cultures such as the Hmong of Southeast Asia, the Micmac of Canada, and the Han dynasty of ancient China. Her published work includes children's picture books, textbooks, posters, greeting cards, teacher-and-parent resource books, and magazines. In addition to her elementary education degree from LVC, she also earned a bachelor's degree in illustration from Rhode Island School of Design, where she now teaches children's book illustration.

LVC Alumni Citations 2007

Eve Lindemuth Bodeux '87 of Colorado, an international communications consultant, translator, and owner of Bodeux International, earned an Alumni Citation. She helps technology companies sell their products overseas by making sure that their cultural references and their use of language appeal to their target markets. Her company has subtitled films for a major U.S. broadcaster for its Eastern European and other markets, translated documents for a development project in Senegal, and translated a 3-D software package into five languages for architects and designers. She also headed up a project that adapted a main intranet infrastructure used by many American universities to communicate with their students. This project was adapted for Italy, Spain, and France, but her work has taken her to three continents. Published in several international industry publications and quoted in *Business Week*, she has edited translator newsletters and has taught political science, technical translation, and French at the university level. Bodeux graduated with a degree in political science and French and holds a master's degree in international relations from the University of Virginia. Fluent in French and a student in German, Spanish, and Japanese, she was awarded a graduate degree with honors in European civilization from the Centre Européen Universitaire of the Université de Nancy II in France.

Dr. William Lamont '67, a visionary, who is internationally recognized in the field of plasticulture, was presented with an Alumni Citation for his outstanding contributions to agriculture and horticulture. Plasticultures focuses on using agricultural plastic to extend growing seasons, grow food crops where they previously could not flourish, produce higher quality and greater quantities for food, and create positive impacts on the environment. During Alumni Weekend, Lamont demonstrated Plastofuel, a way to recover heat energy from dirty, used, and—until now—non-recyclable plastics. Lamont is part of a team at The Pennsylvania State University in State College, where he is a professor, which uses agricultural plastic material, previously a nonrecyclable waste product, to produce pellets that can be burned as fuel. His project is in the prototype stage now and is waiting for refinement until it can be used on a large scale. He also spoke to students in October as part of the College's yearlong *Energy Colloquium*.

John A. Schoch Jr. '72, president and CEO of Profile Products, a leading supplier of turf products in the United States and abroad, was awarded an Alumni Citation. One of his company's products, Turface Athletics, has been used on more sports fields than any other brand, including at LVC. Other clients include the 2004 Olympic Fields, Chicago Bear's Soldier's Field, and Washington Redskin's FedEx Field. While at the Valley, Schoch was a member of the football and golf teams and was a member of Phi Gamma Mu History Honor Society and was a Philo brother. From 1992 to 1996, he served on the Alumni Council and was president of the LVC Alumni Association from 1994 to 1996. Schoch is only one of a number of family members who have graduated from the Valley, including his late wife, **Jan Garber Schoch '72**, who died in 1989, and in whose honor Schoch created a scholarship; and his brother, **Jim Schoch '76**. John Schoch resides in Naperville, Ill., with his wife, Jamie, and has three daughters: Alyson, Karyn, and Megan.

Robert H. Stull '62

Because of his outstanding professional career with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and for his extraordinary service to LVC, the Alumni Association presented an Alumni Citation to **Robert H. "Bob" Stull '62**. As manager of the Training Division for PennDOT for nearly 20 years, he designed and implemented the department's Transportation University, which became a model program. His expertise in training led him to conduct assessments worldwide. In 1999, he helped to assess the training needs of the Ministry of Surface Transport for the Government of India, a project funded by the World Bank. In 2004, Stull was inducted into the LVC Hall of Fame for his outstanding athletic career. He was co-captain of the 1961–62 MAC Championship football team and is active in organizing reunion meetings for the team members. Stull also volunteered to co-chair the memorial committee for **John Zola '63**. Due to Stull's strong leadership, the committee successfully completed the Zola Memorial. Stull's wife, **Nancy Wagner Stull '64**, also worked very hard to ensure the success of these efforts. Currently, Stull is co-chair of a scholarship committee in honor of the late **Judge Rowland Barnes '62**, Stull's former teammate.

International Student Reunion

All international graduates of LVC are invited back to campus next June for an international student reunion. The reunion will be tied to Alumni Weekend, June 13–15, 2008. There will be activities all weekend. Contact the Office of Alumni Programs at 1.800.ALUM.LVC (1.800.258.6582) or alumni@lvc.edu.

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The Road to Santiago de Compostela

By Dr. Diane M. Iglesias



LEGEND has it that the apostle Saint James the Greater traveled to the Iberian Peninsula after the death of Christ to spread the gospel. He later returned to Jerusalem where he was martyred, but popular stories recount that his body was carried back to Spain on a stone boat aided by angels and blown by strong winds through the Strait of Gibraltar to Finesterre in the northwest corner of Spain. His headless body was buried there and then forgotten for eight centuries until the monk Pelayo claimed to have discovered it after following a bright star that stopped over an open field. A church was built over the site and a town quickly grew around it.



My first visit to Santiago de Compostela was when I was 19 years old and a student at the University of Sevilla in southern Spain. I already had developed a passion for Medieval Spanish literature when I discovered the *Codex Calixtinus*, a fascinating 12th-century manuscript that recounts the amazing pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela—Saint James of the Field of the Star. For centuries it has been an important pilgrimage site, as important as Rome and Jerusalem, and has attracted pilgrims from all over the world.

While I was still in my teens I resolved that I, too, would undertake the pilgrim path in the tradition that had remained unchanged for centuries. I would seek my official Pilgrim's Passport and earn the *Compostela*, an official certificate issued in Latin, certifying the completion of the pilgrimage. Over the years, I have regaled my students with tales of the famous pilgrimage route, but, although I had visited Santiago more than a dozen times, it was not until the spring of 2006 that I finally began the authentic pilgrim experience. The trip would be far more difficult than I imagined.

After getting the official Pilgrim's passport, I determined that I would take the traditional

The Church of Santiago (above) and its cemetery are on the pilgrimage just outside of Portomarin. The Cloister of the Colegio de Fonseca (left) is in Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

Camino Francés that begins in Roncesvalles and continues across the northern section of Spain to Santiago. Official pilgrims may undertake this

journey by foot, by bicycle, or by horse.

I decided that I would walk the route, and, since I am much more comfortable on Madison Avenue than on a rugged trail, I decided to do the minimum number of kilometers necessary to gain the Latin certificate. A dear friend agreed to accompany me, and we began the journey early

on a snowy March morning in Sarria, a town 110 kilometers away from our destination.

The traditional gear required for the walk includes good hiking boots and a backpack filled with whatever one might require for a week's existence. Pilgrims also wear a scallop shell that marks one as a pilgrim and gives special privileges along the journey.

We had to walk six hours a day, and the terrain was more rugged than I had imagined. We climbed mountains, crossed streams and rivers, trekked through pine forests, and followed mud paths through rural, nearly abandoned towns. The only indication that we were on the correct path was a series of painted yellow arrows that appeared on buildings, stones, or walls every several kilometers. The people we met on the path were from many countries and were of all ages. Their reasons for undertaking the journey were varied, but all of us shared a special bond. We were united with the millions of pilgrims who had walked the path before us.

It is impossible to describe what I felt upon my arrival at the cathedral of Santiago. After receiving my official *Compostela*, I was invited to the special Pilgrims' Mass during which all pilgrims are individually welcomed. During the celebration, I again witnessed the ceremony in which the *botafoameiro*, an immense censer, is hung from a great chain and swung in a huge arc across the transept guided by eight men with ropes. The experience of the *Camino* is timeless and allows the modern pilgrim to join the path with centuries of others who have gone before.

Dr. Diane M. Iglesias is a professor of Spanish at Lebanon Valley College where she teaches courses in Spanish language, culture, civilization, literature, and foreign language methodology.

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NOTE: All locations are in Pennsylvania unless otherwise noted.

'20s

Ruth Darlington Essick Miller '29 celebrated her 100th birthday in May 2007. Her advice for today's youth: "Stay away from drugs, work hard, become Christians, and follow the Lord."

'30s

Cordella Shaeffer Felder '37 wrote that there are 11 living members of LVC's class of 1937.

Congratulations to **Dorothy Null Frey '39** and **Raymond Frey '39** who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in May 2007. Also in May, Dorothy celebrated her 89th birthday and Raymond celebrated his 90th birthday. The happily married couple is actively enjoying residency at Cornwall Manor.

DID YOU KNOW that the Heilman Center, a state-of-the-art physical wellness center, was funded through the Great Expectations Campaign?

'40s

Twin brothers **David Lenker '40** and **Jesse Lenker '40** [since deceased; please see his memorial on page 39] observed their 90th birthday on Jan. 18, 2007, by reminiscing and sharing their stories of growing up in West Hanover Township, and their association to the Lenkerbrook Dairy.

Martha Davies DeHaven '42 was unable to attend her 65th reunion and was sorry she had to miss it.

Elizabeth Reiff Marino '46 said she enjoyed her 60th class reunion last June. She has had a busy season playing violin in the Rio Hondo Symphony Orchestra and principal viola in the Pasadena

Community Orchestra, participating in the Tuesday Musicales at St. Cecelia clubs of Pasadena, and playing for weddings with the Woodward String Quartet. Elizabeth says the brides are getting younger ... and prettier!



Ruth Billow Guida '48 has traveled to the Canary Islands and Kenya for fun. She has worked in Arizona; Puerto Rico; Quito, Ecuador; and Colombia, South America, on mission trips. She is keeping busy working in the office of her church.

'50s

Floyd M. Baturin, Esq., '51, a past president of the War Veterans Council of Greater Harrisburg, recently attended the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation dinner in New York City.

Harry W. Hall Jr. '54 has been retired since 1989, after teaching for 35 years in Lebanon, Carlisle, Red Land, and Lewisberry, as well as Cliffside Park, N.J. He has a continued interest in farming.

Edith Werntz Taylor '55 recently sang with the Oratorio Singers of Charlotte, N.C. She performed Samuel Barber's *Prayers of Kierkegaard* with the Charlotte Symphony.

Tom Wolfgang '55 and **Betty Jane "B.J." Swisher Wolfgang '54** have been traveling to different countries. Last year they visited Ukraine, Russia, Slovenia, and Croatia. This year they visited Greece, and cruised the Rhine and Danube rivers from Amsterdam to Vienna.

Henry W. Shuey Jr. '57 and his wife, Nancy, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April 2007. Henry is retired from the Northern Lebanon School District where he was a teacher and administrator.

Nathalie Davis Wagner '57 is a legal analyst for the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association—College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF) in New York. Since 1981, she has been the president

of the Wagner Society of New York, a not-for-profit organization furthering the appreciation and performance of the works of composer Richard Wagner.



John H. Sproul '58 is pleased to announce that he and his wife, Bertie, recently moved to their new retirement home in Glen Mills.

Bernard A. Buzgon, Esq., '59 has been designated a "super lawyer" for the fourth consecutive year. He has been named to *Philadelphia Magazine's* "Pennsylvania Super Lawyers 2007, The Ultimate Guide to the Best Attorneys in Pennsylvania."

In September 2006, **Frank Giovinazzo '59** and his wife, **Beverly Sprenkle Giovinazzo '60**, had the opportunity to see some of their dear friends from LVC. They were able to spend time with **R. Lee Kunkel '57** and his wife, **Rosalind (Rosie) Horn Kunkel '60**, as well as **Frank J. Catanzaro '57** and his wife, Bea.

'60s

The Rev. Joseph Dietz '60 has been assigned by the Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania as deacon assistant at Epiphany Episcopal Church in Royersford.

Dr. Richard Harper '60 is a consultant in restorative dentistry and dental education to the general practice residency program at the Department of Dentistry at the Cleveland Clinic, Ohio. Prior to his involvement in graduate education, Richard completed 31 years of service with the U.S. Navy Dental Corps, retiring from his position as dean of the Navy Graduate Dental School, at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland.

Richard S. Miller '60 and **Janet Taylor '60** were married in October 2005. Although both are retired music educators, they are still active musicians. The Millers live in Malvern.

Carolee Green Weidner '60 continues to stay active with her music. She is an organist at a Presbyterian church, volunteers at a

local middle school, and accompanies its band and chorus at district and ensemble judging. Carolee is staying limber by doing water aerobics and walking.

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G. Thomas Keehn '63 and his wife, **Cecelia Reed Keehn '62**, spent two months this past summer traveling through Russia and Scandinavia.

Shirley Brown Michel '63 is a retired public school music teacher.

The Rev. William A. Sherman '63 retired on Oct. 1, 2006, after 40 years of ministry in the United Church of Christ. For 30 years, he served as an installed pastor and for the last 10 years, worked as an international pastor.

Kathryn S. Skewis '63 is active in the St. Michael Lutheran Church in Strasburg serving as a choir member and director of the hand bell choir. She also is involved with the council and music/worship committee and entertains in nursing homes and senior centers. Kathryn is also active in the Lancaster Musical Art Society.

Bishop Susan Wolfe Hassinger '64, H'97 is the interim bishop in Albany, N.Y., for the United Methodist Church. She is also bishop-in-residence and a part-time adjunct faculty member at Boston University School of Theology.

Charles H. Martin '64 ran for re-election for a fourth term as a Bucks County Commissioner. He continues to serve on the board of directors of the Southeast Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA).

Dr. Edward L. Nickoloff '65 is a professor of radiology at Columbia University, New York City.

The Rev. Dr. Carl A. Synan '65 retired from the clergy in 2006. He is the chaplain at Gaston Hospice, Gastonia, N.C.

LVC Traditions: The Ghosts of LVC

By Jasmine Ammons Bucher '97



Does the ghost of past-president Clyde L. Lynch really traverse the winding staircase of Laughlin Hall? Does the Wig and Buckle Theater Company have an unconventional, phantom patron? And what about all of the mystical occurrences surrounding North College? For nearly a decade, alumni, students, and Valley parents have joined College narrators to discover the answers to these and other burning questions.

Started in the late 1990s by **Judge John Walter '53, H'06**, the LVC Ghost Tour has become an Oktoberfest Weekend tradition. Over the past few years, the popularity of the tour has grown. "Last year," says **Dr. Kevin Pry '76**, associate professor of English and current LVC Ghost Tour host, "we started the tour at the entrance of Mund College Center with nearly 60 attendees. Just a few sites later, the crowd had grown to over 100. By the time we rounded the campus bend to the library, there were nearly 160 people in the audience." Not only does Pry attribute the expansion of the crowd to interested onlookers, but he also attributes it to students who used cell phones to call their friends.

Why is the ghost tour so popular? Among several reasons, Pry credits the dynamic nature of a ghost tour versus the static experience of sitting around a campfire telling stories. "If you're taking people around and telling them *this* is where people have seen *this*," explains Pry, "then their ability to suspend their disbelief and get the shivers is all the better." In addition to the natural adrenaline rush people feel from being scared, he thinks alumni like the ghost tour because it helps them reconcile the difference between their beloved campus of the past and the revamped campus of today.

But for Pry, the most rewarding part of the ghost tour is seeing the immediate effect of his low-key presentation on the audience. "The longer the tour goes on," says Pry, "the more you can watch the skepticism go and the state of wonder take over." Interacting with the audience is particularly rewarding for Pry, especially when he hears modified versions of the same tales students shared when he attended LVC in the 1970s. "It's fascinating to hear from a current student the 2007 version of a ghost story that you heard for the first time in 1973."

For more information about LVC campus lore and traditions, visit the L-Online at www.lvc.edu/l-online.

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Jasmine Ammons Bucher '97 is the assistant director of college relations for print and web at Lebanon Valley College.

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Barbara Ankrum '68 and Robert D. Miller exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 7, 2007, at the historic Drumore Friends Meeting House in Drumore. It was a surprise wedding for friends and family. Barbara and her new husband have a combined total of seven children and 15 grandchildren.

In April 2007, after 37 years of service, **Carl L. Marshall '69** retired from the Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. He will continue consulting with Wright State University in Ohio as a drug and alcohol educator.

'70s

Larry A. Bowman '70 has been selected as president of the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce. He is a certified U.S. Chamber of Commerce executive, a Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce executive, and an American Chamber of Commerce director.

Mona Enquist-Johnston '71, a naturalist with the Fairfax County (Va.) Park Authority, recently received the Onthank Award, the highest honor Fairfax County bestows on its employees. Mona was recognized for her accomplishments as Fairfax County Park Authority's Resource Management Division's coordinator for volunteer, interpretation, and program services, and her valuable contributions to advancing stewardship in the county.

On July 1, 2007, **The Rev. John Lynch '71** was appointed pastor of the Annville United Methodist Church. He was formerly at Myerstown Zion United Methodist Church. John is the grandson of LVC's 11th President, **Dr. Clyde Lynch (1932-1950)**.

In June 2007, after 33 years of teaching, **Jo Ann Otto Brewer '72** retired from the Northern Lebanon School District. She has been included three times in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

Judith Holt Gibney '72 and Andrew E. Sharp Jr. exchanged wedding vows on March 3, 2007, in Denham Springs, La.,

after having to postpone their wedding in 2005 due to Hurricane Katrina. Judy is a retired Federal Civil Service budget analyst.

Donna L. Winch '72 has retired after 34 years of teaching vocal music in the Susquehanna Township School District's middle school. She now teaches music part-time to K-8 students at the Infinity Charter School for the Gifted in Harrisburg.

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Kenneth R. Gilberg, Esq., '73 joined the law firm of Flaster/Greenberg P.C. in Philadelphia as a shareholder, becoming Flaster/Greenberg's first real labor lawyer.

Harold E. Ladd III '73 is a sales associate at Belk, Inc., Raleigh, N.C.

Robert Bollinger Lee '73 received the League of United Latin American Citizen's 2007 National Presidential Citation Community Service Award.

Wesley "Wes" T. Dellinger '75 recently received his real estate broker's license. Wes is the director of Brownstone Real Estate Company's Lebanon operation. He received Brownstone Real Estate's top agent award in 2002 and 2003, and has been named to the Winner's Circle for production by the Lebanon County Association of Realtors each year since 1999. He has also been on the Winner's Circle of the Harrisburg Area Realtors during the same period, and was named Realtor of the Year by the Lebanon County Association of Realtors in 1996 and 1998. Wes has been a member of the College's Board of Trustees since 1988 and currently chairs the board's Facilities Committee.

Stephen Miller '75 was honored by being named a Teacher Mentor in the Lebanon High School by one of his students who graduated in June 2007. He was featured in a special edition of *The Lebanon Daily News*.

Beth Early Brandt '76 and her husband, Tom, became grandparents to Noah Thomas Brandt on Dec. 23, 2006. Noah's father, **Mark Brandt**, is currently attending LVC and will earn his English teaching certificate in December 2008.

Deborah Horst McIntosh '76 is a missionary with ReachGlobal Mission in Minneapolis, Minn. She and her husband, Tim, have worked as missionaries with the Evangelical Free Church in Lima, Peru, for the past 24 years. Debbie also teaches music at the International Christian School of Lima, which she and her husband helped to found in 2000.

Susan Shemeta Stachelczyk '76 received the top company producer award at O'Brien Realty in Lexington Park, Md., for the fifth time.

Linda Weaver Blair '77 recently completed a two-year term as member-at-large on the Music Library Association board of directors and continues to serve on one of the association's cataloging committees. She currently performs with the Rochester Flute Association Choir.

Pamela L. Robbins '77 wrote to say, "Hi Class: How are things? Since our last reunion, I have: become a Catholic, passed an audition for an all-German choir, performed in the choruses of 15 different shows, directed (and sometimes acted in) five one-acts that I wrote myself, and discovered the fun and rewards of working in vocational rehab. What's new with all of you? Hope the next five years bring much joy and fulfillment for us all."

Keith A. Symons '77 has been teaching instrumental music in the Hamburg Area School District for 29 years. He is also the organist/senior and youth choir accompanist at St. Mary Roman Catholic Church in Hamburg.

John Wagner '77 is the plant manager at Merck & Co., Inc., in Durham, N.C.

DID YOU KNOW that the LVC Gymnasium, which was funded through the Great Expectations Campaign, seats more than 1650 spectators and includes the Dutchmen Lounge, a special event area that overlooks the court?

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Gloria L. Centofanti '78 is the owner/president of Custom Touch Interiors, Interior Design & Faux Painting in Sturgis, S.D.

Pat Van Ostenbridge Lanno '78 teaches music at Mountain View School in Jefferson, N.C., where she was recently named Teacher of the Year. She is also the director of music at Deerfield United Methodist Church in Boone.

Anna Macenka Mantey '78 is a physician assistant at Digestive Healthcare of Georgia.

Robert T. Hawley '79 is the senior business manager at AT&T in Hampton Cove, Ala.

In May 2005, **The Rev. Dr. Carrie Wardell Stine '79** received her doctor of ministry degree from the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. She has been elected moderator of the Northumberland Presbytery Presbyterian Church in central Pennsylvania.

'80s

After working at Unisys for 23 years, **Marsha Poust '80** and her husband have become franchise owners of Signs By Tomorrow, a high-quality digital and graphic sign making business. Their business is located in Norristown.

Dr. Raymond J. Boccuti '81 has been appointed superintendent of the New Hope-Solebury School District. Raymond previously served as superintendent of the School District of Jenkintown, from 2004–2007.

Dr. Marcy Douglass '81 is an assistant professor of counseling at Shippensburg University.

Pamela Shadel Fischer '81 is the director of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public Safety in New Jersey.

Dr. Robert P. Hogan '82 has been in private practice in internal medicine in Ewing, N.J., for two years.

Local Fan Brings Athletic History to Life

BY RYAN ZVORSKY '09

“Borrowing”
your father's car at the age of 14 to attend a Lebanon Valley College basketball game would sound dangerous to the average person.



Harry Speece (second from right) received the Hot Dog Frank Athletic Service Award from President Stephen MacDonald (far left). Kathy Tierney, former LVC athletic director, and Peter Aftisomes, Hot Dog Frank's son, attended.

But not to Harry Speece—he loves LVC athletics.

Now a 70-year-old Lebanon resident and still one of LVC's most avid fans, from an early age Speece tried not to miss seeing the Dutchmen compete.

“The chance that I would be caught by my dad or stopped by the police was not as scary to me as the thought of missing Lebanon Valley's game,” jokes Speece.

After serving in the U.S. Air Force for four-and-a-half years and working at Farmers Pride in Fredericksburg for 23 years, he decided to finally enjoy something he really loves—Dutchmen athletics.

About a decade ago, Speece realized that many LVC athletic records were not organized anywhere and decided to take action. For the past 12 years, he has retrieved numerous newspaper clippings, box scores, rosters, and pictures after countless hours of searching for information on any of LVC's 21 intercollegiate sports.

As a statistically-minded and orderly individual, Speece understands how fortunate he is to be managing such a great project. The staff at LVC has deeply appreciated his efforts on behalf of the College and even awarded him the prestigious “Hot Dog” Frank Athletic Service Award this past February.

Braden Snyder '00, former LVC sports information director, treasures Speece's efforts. “Harry has been a virtual archivist for the sports information office,” says Snyder. “Without the hours of research that he has put in, many of our record books would be incomplete.”

Another person intrigued by Speece's work is Head Football Coach **Jim Monos**, who has led the LVC team for a total of 15 years. “What is neat about Harry is he loves LVC sports and sports in general,” notes Monos. “From a coach's perspective, he is special.”

Asked to recollect his favorite memory of an LVC sporting event, Speece could not stop at one. In the 1952–1953 season, when he was 15, he remembers being at the Palestra in Philadelphia as the Dutchmen basketball squad upset Fordham University 80–67 in overtime, and he also vividly remembers the 1993–1994 team defeating Buffalo State University for the NCAA Division III Championship by a score of 65–59 in overtime under Head Coach **Pat Flannery**.

In the next two to three years, his archive project will be as complete as possible in his mind, but Speece encourages anyone with any information to contact him at hdspeece@verizon.net. “If it wasn't for this, I would be at home watching television and being a couch potato.”

Ryan Zvorsky '09 is an English major from Pottsville and sports editor for *La Vie Collegienne*. He spent the summer of 2007 interning in the LVC Sports Information Office.

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W. Philip Holzman '82 is the director of music ministries at Vinje Lutheran Church in Willmar, N.M., and is dean of the American Guild of Organists, Prairie Lakes Chapter.

Clarence E. Miller III '82 is the controller at I.B. Dickinson & Sons, Inc., in Reading.

Nancy Lawless Patik '82 is the secretary/treasurer of Paragon Lighting in Beaverton, Ore.

In June 2007, **Dr. David E. Ramage '82** received his doctorate in educational leadership and learning technologies from Drexel University. He continues to work on technology staff development for Souderton Area School District. He, his wife, **Diane Detwiler Ramage '85**, and their three children reside in Harleysville.

Daniel Reppert '82 is senior vice president and chief actuary at Life of the South in Jacksonville, Fla.



Stephen J. Kipp '83 was recently quoted in *The New York Times* magazine section as having attended a seminar in Jekyll Island, Ga., featuring Dr. Ruby K. Payne, expert, lecturer, and author on poverty issues. Steve is a general physical science teacher in the Glynn County School District in Brunswick, Ga.

Dr. Keith Sweger '83 is a professor of bassoon at Ball State University's School of Music in Muncie, Ind. In July 2006 he hosted the five-day conference of the International Double Reed Society at Ball State and is the secretary of the society.

Karen Milliken Young '84 has been named one of this year's "Best 50 Women in Business" by Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell. Karen is the owner of HR Resolutions, LLC, in Harrisburg.

Steven M. Weddle '85 was named a Teacher Mentor by one of his 2007 graduates. Steve is a 10th-grade teacher in the Eastern Lebanon County High School, Myerstown. He was featured in a special edition of *The Lebanon Daily News*.

Joyce Swinesburg Ceresini '86 and her husband, John, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in March 2007 with a renewal of their marriage vows, followed by a dinner and dance. They also commemorated the milestone with a spring cruise to Bermuda.

The Rev. K. Scott Kirk '87 is a staff chaplain at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford, Palo Alto, Calif., as well as at Sequoia Hospital, Redwood City. He is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ.

Dr. Laura Pence '87 and her longtime friend, Steve Watton, exchanged wedding vows on Aug. 5, 2006, in Simsbury, Conn. Laura has two step-daughters, Alexandra, 9, and Julianna, 7.

Charlene White '87 is the center director at the Knowledge Learning Corporation in Camp Hill.

Lori Kass Wright '87 is the director of finance for Sentara Enterprises, a division of Sentara Healthcare, in Norfolk, Va.

Scott F. Zieber '87 was named a senior associate at Gannett Fleming, an international planning, design, and construction management firm. Scott is based at the firm's corporate headquarters in Harrisburg.



Francis Docherty '88 is a Uniserv director (Western Slope) with the Colorado Education Association in Grand Junction.

Dr. Christian S. Hamann '88, was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Albright College. He received the Dr. Henry P. and M. Paige Laughlin Annual Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching. This award is presented to a faculty member with a strong presence on the Albright campus.

Dr. Joan Hevel '88, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Utah State University, recently received a \$250,000 research grant funded by the Herman Frasch Foundation and administered by the

American Chemical Society. The grant, one of only 12 awarded nationally in 2007, will support basic research related to agricultural applications. Another LVC chemistry graduate, **Dr. Aaron Aponick '98**, also received one of the 12 grants.

James P. Pierzga '88 is the director of the digital ad network at *Clipper Magazine* in Lancaster.

Dr. Brian D. Robinson '89 has been named principal at Rieck Avenue School in the Millville Public Schools in New Jersey. He is also an adjunct professor at Rowan University.

Dr. Tracy S. Shank '89 is the superintendent of schools for the South Eastern School District, Fawn Grove.

'90s

Rick Beard '90, M'92

was named athletic director at LVC in July. He was promoted after serving as an assistant athletic director at the Valley for seven years. Beard has worked in LVC athletics for over 20 years in a multitude of capacities including director of the Arnold Sports Center, assistant football coach, and defensive coordinator.



Timothy J. Eck '90 was named by two of his 2007 graduates from Lebanon High School as a Teacher Mentor. He teaches music in the Lebanon School District. Timothy was featured in a special edition of *The Lebanon Daily News*.

Ralph D. Heister III '90 was honored by being named a Teacher Mentor in the Lebanon High School by one of his biology students from the class of 2007. He was featured in a special edition of *The Lebanon Daily News*.

CW3 Daryl M. Stump '90 has been in the Army for 17 years. He is a personnel technician, assigned to the 25th Infantry Division, and is currently deployed in Iraq. Because of his Army career, he has traveled to many places: Anchorage, Alaska; Seoul, Korea; and Hawaii, among others. Daryl will pin on Chief Warrant Officer Four (CW4) later this year.

Jeffrey A. Betz '91 and **Katherine Henry Betz '91** welcomed a son, Sawyer Ulysses, into their family on Nov. 26, 2006.

Kirk Campbell '91 and Joanne Hilbert exchanged wedding vows on March 24, 2007, in Hanover. Kirk is the son of **Dr. Phyllis Dryden**, LVC professor *emerita* of English.

After holding the position of assistant football coach at Palmyra Area High School for the past five years, **Christopher D. Pope '91** has accepted the position of head football coach. Chris is a science teacher at Milton Hershey High School.

Sarah Miller Whitworth '91 is an elementary school counselor in the Northampton Area School District. She has two daughters: Catherine Sarah, 8, and Mary Rita, 4.

Dr. Michelle Brailsford Ambrose '92 and her husband, Andrew, welcomed a daughter, Caroline Olivia, into their family on Oct. 8, 2006. Caroline joins big brother Noah, 7. Michelle is an operational psychologist, acting as the psychology director for the U.S. Air Force's Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape program. The family has relocated to Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington.

Karina Hoffman Dussinger '92 received her master's degree in nursing and became a certified registered nurse practitioner in 2003. She specializes in geriatric and internal medicine in Ephrata.

Peter J. Grindrod '92 is a detective in the Stratford Police Department in Connecticut.

Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Peggy J. Hengeveld '92 retired from the U.S. Army after 28 years as an Army nurse corps officer with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

Jennifer Peters Liedtka '92, M'00 and her husband, **Karl Liedtka '91**, welcomed a son, Max R., into their family on May 14, 2007. Max joins big brother Jack. Jen is the institutional data analyst at LVC. Karl is the coordinator of counseling services for the Lebanon School District.

Heidi L. Rauenzahn Scarano '92 changed careers after 18 years in the science field. She graduated in May from Albright College with a K-12 teaching certificate. She is a charter member of Albright's Alpha Delta Gamma branch of Kappa Delta Pi, an international educational honor society.

Mt. Gretna: Botanical Riches

BY DR. SUSAN VERHOEK



The best way to observe plants is to see them where they grow. On campus, familiar plantings in the Arboretum allow students and staff to track seasonal changes. But for special class studies in fall and early spring, Mt. Gretna is the location of choice. Since the days of professors **Samuel H. Derickson 1902, H'25** and **O. Pass Bollinger '28**, LVC students have ventured into the fields and woods in and around downtown Mt. Gretna. Ecology classes, lead by **Dr. Paul Wolf** [LVC professor of biology], have gone methodically, transect by transect, up one side of Governor Dick hill and down through the boulders to the stream on the other side. The changes in elevation, moisture, and sun exposure on the considerable slopes have demonstrated to students that if a tree falls or is removed, brambles thrive in the sunny opening, and that oaks and hickory become more common closer to the drier top while beeches thrive lower down. Nearer the top, the prize is a grove of pawpaw trees, their large leaves a reflection of the family heritage from more tropical climates.



Before the leaves emerge in spring, the botany class is out in the woods learning a similar lesson by searching for assigned tree species to report on while the class gathers 'round. Red maples bloom in early April, so the pinkish canopies are easy to find. The tulip trees are identifiable with little trouble because of their tall straight trunks. Oaks are tough because there are several species, but fortunately, leaves of oak are also tough and persist on the ground under their parent trees.

Later, toward the middle of April, the place to be for flowers is in a sunny meadow. The best site for that environment is Soldier's Field at Mt. Gretna. Here spring flowers literally carpet the grass in drifts of petite, light blue flowers on plants no more than two inches high. This is often the first flower that students learn to identify: "petals present, four in number, united into a tube at the base, center with a yellow eye." Yes, its Bluets! Then, armed with knowledge and confidence (and enjoying the release from microscopes and slides indoors), they go on to discover yellow-flowered *Potentilla* hugging the ground, white fuzzy *Pussytoes*, and purple *Sand Violets* with their spade-shaped leaves. Wiry miniature *Draba* plants growing in the warmer gravel have already begun to set their typical cruciferous fruits. Purple flowered mints bloom in colonies along the sunny moist margins of the meadow, and blue *Bird's-eye* creeps in the grass. What better place to be on a spring day than in a meadow in our neighboring Mt. Gretna!

Dr. Susan Verhoek is a professor of biology at Lebanon Valley College and the director of the LVC Arboretum.

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Cherie Lingle VanZant '92 and her husband, John, welcomed a daughter, Madison Nicole, into their family on Jan. 25, 2006.

Douglas M. Zook Sr. '92 was elected to the 2007 Keystone Technology Integrators for the state of Pennsylvania as a physics teacher in the Avon Grove High School in Chester County. He is currently enrolled in a doctoral program in education from Walden University.



Justine Hamilton '93 is an alternative educator in the Long Beach Public School District, N.Y., teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages and General Educational Development classes. Her son, Jananda, is 5.

Lynn L. Jones '93 and Christopher Barnes were married on May 17, 2003, in Watchung, N.J. Sons Tyler and Ryan are 12 and 2, respectively.

Theodore A. Jones '93 is a math teacher at Franklin High School in Somerset, N.J. Son Tyler is 13, and daughter Penelope is 2.

Lisa Barlet Lasky '93 is a part-time program coordinator in the Wilson School District in West Lawn.

Wendy Burkert Neuheimer '93 and her husband, Sabin, welcomed a second daughter, Ava Michelle, into their family on Dec. 19, 2006. Daughter Eden Anna is 2.

The Rev. Msgr. Thomas H. Smith H'93, former Catholic chaplain at LVC from 1972-1992, has celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination. He is presently the pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lancaster.

Maj. Jennifer Bower '94 is an assistant professor at West Point Military Academy, N.Y.

Matthew J. St. Georges '94 is a damage evaluator for Allstate Insurance Company, Farmington, Conn.

Elizabeth Aitken Bauer '95 and her husband, Peter Frederick Bauer '95,

welcomed their first child, Sean Frederick, into their family on Nov. 2, 2006.

Tricia L. Galati '95 is a therapeutic support staff member at Providence Community Services, Inc. in Pottsville.

Deborah Heidlauf '95 and John Michael Moran exchanged wedding vows on June 6, 2007, in Carrituck Beach, N.C. Deb is an administrative assistant to the president/vice president at O'Shea Lumber Company in Glen Rock.

Jason C. Say '95, adjunct instructor of digital communications at LVC, was a co-creator of the Pennsylvania Sportsmen Portal, a web site devoted to the state's hunting and fishing community. The site, pasportsmenportal.com, officially launched on Feb. 3, 2007.

Stephen E. Halasa '96 is a senior accounting analyst at United Rentals in Burlington, N.J.

Janelle L. Schirato '96 and Michael Greenawalt exchanged wedding vows on April 14, 2007, in LVC's Miller Chapel.

Mark A. Smith '96 is the production manager at Deimler and Sons Construction in Harrisburg.

Shane M. Thomas '96 has been named a Teacher Mentor by one of his students who graduated in June 2007 from Cedar Crest High School. He was featured in a special edition of *The Lebanon Daily News*.

DID YOU KNOW that Lynch Memorial Hall was refashioned into an all-academic building during the Great Expectations Campaign?

Jennifer Yohn Tobin '96 was honored by being named a Teacher Mentor at Cedar Crest High School by one of her June 2007 graduates. She was featured in a special edition of *The Lebanon Daily News*.

Brandon Flatley '97 and his wife, Anne Webster-Flatley '98, welcomed a son, Alexander Joseph, into their family on Oct. 20, 2006.

Bethany Mummert Hopman '97 and her husband, Michael, welcomed a daughter,

Adelaide Judith, into their family on May 14, 2007.

Everett Calvin Kraatz, son of **Shelly Levan Kraatz '97** and Darryl Kraatz, celebrated his second birthday on July 27, 2007.

John Michael Lehman '97 received his master's degree in business management in June 2005 from the University of Phoenix. He is the advertising and sales manager at Broad Street Community Newspapers, King of Prussia. His son, Andrew, will be celebrating his second birthday soon.

Melissa Morgan Lenahan '97 and her husband, Gregory, welcomed a daughter, Kathleen Emma, into their family on Sept. 6, 2006. Melissa is a forensic scientist for the Pennsylvania State Police in Harrisburg.

Martha Mains Lobaugh '97 and her husband, Michael Lobaugh '99, welcomed a son, Marcus Joshua, into their family on March 22, 2007.

Natalie Hope McDonald '97, a freelance writer, editor, and photographer based in Philadelphia, recently had an essay on the state of AIDS writing in America accepted for publication by Harvard University.

Sally Padilione, Esq., '97 is a partner at Cogent Building Diagnostics in Rehoboth Beach and Newark, Del.

Rebecca "Beci" Avers Pope '97 was selected as a Teacher Mentor by one of her class of 2007 English students at Palmyra High School. She was featured in a special edition of *The Lebanon Daily News*.

Brandon Stephen Snyder '97 and Jessica Lynn Weaver exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 4, 2006, in Harrisburg. Brandon is employed with the Social Security Administration in Carlisle.

Tamara Demmy Weaver '97 and her husband, Robert, welcomed their second daughter, Sarah Yvonne, into their home on Dec. 5, 2006. Tammy is a homemaker.

Dawn Redensky Zatorski '97 is a child accounting coordinator in the Lebanon School District.

Nancy Seidel Ziegenfuss '97 and her husband, Christopher D. Ziegenfuss '97, welcomed a daughter, Jocelyn Alicia, into their family on July 1, 2006.

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Dr. Aaron Aponick '98, assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Florida, recently received a \$250,000 research grant funded by the Herman Frasch Foundation and administered by the American Chemical Society. The grant, one of only 12 awarded nationally in 2007, will support basic research related to agricultural applications. Another LVC chemistry graduate, **Dr. Joan Hevel '88**, also received one of the 12 grants.

Dyan Shannon Branstetter '98, M'03 and her husband, Matthew, welcomed a son, Evan James, into their family on June 28, 2007.

Jocelyn Norton Cornick '98 and her husband, Troy, welcomed a son, Matthew James, into their family on Jan. 27, 2007.

Jim Kelly '98 and **Laura Graybeal Kelly '99** are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Connor James, born April 26, 2007.

Jerry Pfarr '98 and his wife, Melissa, welcomed a daughter, Julie Noelle, into their family on Dec. 11, 2006.

Stacey Clever Rossi '98 is a school counselor in the Central Dauphin School District in Harrisburg. Daughter Angelena is 4 and son Cael is 2.

Shannan L. Bennett '99 is a site coordinator at Psychotherapeutic Services in Milford, Del.

Jessica Bostdorf '99, M'06 and **Dr. Jeff Ritchie** exchanged wedding vows on March 9, 2007, in Scottsdale, Ariz. Jess is the director of major gifts at LVC, and Jeff is an assistant professor of English and digital communications at LVC.

Katey Castellano '99 is an assistant professor of English at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.

"Material" Girl

BY PAT HUGGINS

For some, the struggle to find an identity, a purpose in life, can go on for years and years without success. But **Laura Roberts '07** always knew who she was and what she wanted to become: an artist.

"It sounds like a cliché, but it's one of those things," says Roberts. "I remember being little, and telling people I wanted to be an artist, and having these big sketchbooks and just drawing like crazy. But I think a lot of kids do that. I know that it [becoming an artist] has always been in the back of my mind, but I never really had the confidence. I had to come here [to Lebanon Valley College] before I realized I really had it."

Any lingering doubts Roberts may have been harboring about her artistic pursuits should have been put to rest in April when she had her work displayed at a Lancaster art gallery as part of a show, *Master and Apprentice*, which featured the works of various college professors and their students. **Michael Pittari**, an assistant professor of art and art history at the College, encouraged Roberts to enter the show.

"I was really nervous, because my art is a different kind of work, different for people to look at," says Roberts. "So I didn't know how anyone was going to respond to it. The pressure was definitely on. I was very nervous."

Instead of focusing on painting or drawing, Roberts creates her art with fabrics, assembling them in various sizes, shapes, and patterns to produce the desired result.

"I've always liked fabrics," says Roberts. "I've always been drawn to a pattern, like 'Ooh, that's pretty.' In high school, I did sculpture, crafts, painting. I've done everything. So for me, this is a culmination. It's contemporary art."

Very well-received contemporary art, in fact. "The gallery owners told me they had a lot of response to it. There weren't all that many people coming up to me and telling me their reactions, but I would watch people and they would be really interested in it. For me, that was enough, that people were looking at it."

Though the life of an artist is not always an easy one—Roberts admits she has tried *not* to be an artist at times over the years—it is ultimately the life that the Lebanon native is determined to pursue. She graduated from LVC in May after studying art and art history.

And because her father, John, and her uncle, Andy, are both musicians and understand the ups and downs artists must deal with, Roberts doesn't have to spend any time convincing her family that she has chosen a valid career path.

"This is who I am," says Roberts. "And it's cool that my family's really supportive of it, because they're all artists. Nobody's down on me for doing this. If they were I'd be a lot less apt to continue."

Just exactly where her artistic ability will take her remains to be seen. At this writing, Roberts is contemplating graduate school. And it seems certain that she will not second guess her career choice in the future.

"There are no rules. There is no guidebook for being an artist or living as an artist," Roberts says. "You just have to do it. And that's tough. But it's worth it."

Editor's Note: Roberts' uncle, Andy Roberts, an adjunct instructor in music at LVC, is featured in this month's cover story on Mt. Gretna.



Pat Huggins is a freelance writer from Lebanon and a sportswriter for the Lebanon Daily News.

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Dana Marie Docherty '99 and John Henry Livingston II exchanged wedding vows on March 25, 2006, in Lakewood, N.J. In attendance were **Kerri Gasser Schaaf '02**, **Thomas Schaaf '99**, **Meghan Toppin Beidle '98**, **Nick Beidle '99**, and **Anthony Kuhns '99**. Dana is a systems technician with Verizon Communications, East Petersburg.

Heather Draper '99 and Jeff Lesoine exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 18, 2006, in LVC's Miller Chapel. **Tera Irmien Koehler '01** was matron of honor. **Melissa Mowrer Terch '99** served as one of the bridesmaids. **The Rev. Lorelei Bach '71** officiated at the ceremony. In attendance were **Heather Bair Kuffa '99**, **Michele Weber Kerper '99**, **Joe Terch '99**, **Jean Koehler Bright '94**, **Ray McCarty '99**, and **Chad Marley '99**.

Gerard J. Karli '99 is a supervisor of order processing at Bonded Logistics in Charlotte, N.C. He and his wife, Susan, moved to Huntersville, N.C., in April 2007.

Alicia Diaz Rodriguez '99 is a human resources generalist at The Pennsylvania State University's College of Medicine in Hershey.

Michael R. Shirk M'99 is the president and Chief Executive Officer of Clean Burn, Inc., and affiliate Millcreek Manufacturing Co., in Upper Leacock Township in Leola.

Dr. James T. Shissler '99 is a veterinarian with Annville-Cleona Veterinarian Associates.



Eric White '99, his wife, Lynn, and their son, Aidan, welcomed a boy, Bodie (pictured left), into their family on July 5, 2006. Eric is a consumer communications specialist at Redner's Markets, Inc., in Reading.

Amy Witmer Zeiders '99 received her master's degree in social work in May 2007 from West Virginia University.

'00

Dr. Daniel B. Beatty, M'00 is the director of operations/chief operating executive for Fresh Direct, LLC, in Long Island City, N.Y.

Bethany Yapit Boyd '00 and her husband, Chad, welcomed a daughter, Mia Isabella, into their family on Nov. 15, 2006.



***Jennifer Pellegrino '00** and **Mike Stamm '97** (center seated) were married on June 30, 2007, in Cheesman Park in Denver, Colo., with a reception following atop the Colorado History Museum. LVC alumni in attendance included (back row, l. to r.) **Eileen Rossmann Plummer '97**, **Alison Davis Billman '00**, **Beth Curley Myers '99**, **Annamarie Volberg '00**, **Melinda Estchman Down '01**, **Janell Cuddy '98**, **Jennifer Hand Jayne '97**, **Kristina Haines '00**; (row 2, l. to r.) **Steve Jayne '97**, **Chris Plummer '97**, **Larry Vallier**.*

Bethany is in the rental department of ERA American Realty in Shalimar, Fla.

Stephanie Reed Burkholder '00 and her husband, Ken, welcomed a son, Zachary Thomas, into their family on May 12, 2007.

Alisan Davis '00 married Luke Billman on Jan. 27, 2007, during a ceremony in Lancaster. **Annamarie Vollberg '00** was a bridesmaid. Alisan is an early intervention caseworker at Lancaster County Mental Health/Mental Retardation.

Maria DeLiberato, Esq., '00 is a registry attorney with Capital Collateral Regional Counsel in Tampa, Fla. She represents indigent death-row inmates in their collateral appeals.

Juanita B. Harkins M'00 was named a Teacher Mentor at Cedar Crest High School by one of her students from the graduating class of 2007. She was featured in a special edition of *The Lebanon Daily News*.

Stephanie A. Harnish '00, '07 and Edward J. Hicks exchanged wedding vows on June 2, 2007, in Richland.

Nancy S. Kostuk '00 and Brian D. Hutton were married on Oct. 8, 2006, in Meriden, Conn. Nancy is a music teacher at North Haven Middle School in Connecticut.

Kathryn "Kate" Laepple '00 and Edward P. Hertzog exchanged wedding vows on March 24, 2007, in Northumberland. In attendance were **Tara Leo Auchey '99**, **Jody Jacobetz Huber '99**, **Jessica Kindt '01**, **Wayne Knaub II '98**, **Amanda Lee '99**, **Elspeth Shumway Williams '00**, and **Kate Wilson '00**. Kathryn is the director of programs and member services at Delaware Valley Grantmakers in Philadelphia.

Lawrence M. Larthey IV '00 and Nicole Ann Theresa exchanged wedding vows on Aug. 28, 2006, in Jim Thorpe. Larry is a physics teacher in the Pocono Mountain School District in Swiftwater.

Lisa Fasold Orner '00 and her husband, Daniel, welcomed a son, Cole Daniel, into their family on Oct. 8, 2006. Lisa is a music teacher in the Midd-West School District, Middleburg.



Michael Ridler '00 and his wife, Danyale, welcomed a son, Griffen Ryan (pictured above), into their family on Jan. 20, 2007. Michael has completed all the requirements of the Society of Actuaries and is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries.

Suzanne M. Snare '00 and Chris Fisher exchanged wedding vows on April 28, 2007, in Lancaster. LVC graduates in attendance were **Misty Gloudemans Sohn '02**, **Laura Cooper Joella '00**, and **Jodi Greenfield Yorty '99**.

Braden Snyder '00 was named director of sports information at Gettysburg College in August. He had held a similar position at LVC since 2002.

Joya C. Tobias '00 and Thomas Morrissey Jr. exchanged wedding vows on April 7, 2007, in Lebanon. Joya is the property manager for Morrissey Holdings, LP, Myerstown.

'01

In June 2006, **Dr. Shawn Bender '01** received his doctorate in biological sciences from Ohio University. Shawn is a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Shawn A. Berwager '01 was named assistant vice president and commercial loan officer at Community Banks, Inc., in Harrisburg.

Stephanie Warner Delp '01 and her husband, **Gregory S. Delp '01**, welcomed a daughter, Kylie Brynn, into their family on Aug. 11, 2006.

Trent A. Hollinger '01 and Amy M. Moeller exchanged wedding vows on June 29, 2006, in Grand Rapids, Mich. **Bradley Moser '01** was best man, **Daniel Post '99** served as a groomsman, and **Brock Kerchner '01** was the master of ceremonies. Trent accepted a doctoral candidacy for a doctor of music arts in wind conducting degree from Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University.

Optimal Career

BY PAT HUGGINS

Find a job you love and you'll never work a day in your life.

Dr. Marianne Boltz '92 (right) may not be the originator of that old saying, but she is certainly a shining example of how those words can ring true, even in a profession as demanding and time-consuming as the one she has chosen.

Currently an assistant professor of ophthalmology at the College of Medicine at Penn State Hershey Medical Center, Boltz puts in many long days, both as an instructor and as a practicing optometrist. She wouldn't have it any other way.

"I'm very blessed to have a career that really does give me so much joy and that I'm so interested in and passionate about," says Boltz, a Schuylkill County native who specializes in pediatric optometry and low vision care. "Not a day goes by that I regret going into optometry. It's great."

Apparently, her peers are glad she did, too. In May, Boltz was named the Pennsylvania Optometrist of the Year by the Pennsylvania Optometric Association (POA). The award recognizes an optometrist whose service to the community, the profession of optometry, and the visual welfare of the public is outstanding.

Boltz, a 1996 graduate of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, became a nominee for the award in March after being selected as the Central Pennsylvania Optometrist of the Year by the local POA chapter. But as one of over 20 local winners statewide who were eligible for the honor, Boltz was not expecting the surprise that awaited her a few months later.

"It was quite a shock," recalls a smiling Boltz. "It was a Friday afternoon and I was heading out the door and I saw a letter in my mailbox, and I thought 'Oh, it's just junk mail.' I opened it up and almost passed out. It was quite an honor. I think it's one of the highest honors, to be recognized like that by your peers. I'm still in shock about it. It makes all the long days and late-night meetings very worthwhile."

Originally an elementary education major when she arrived at Lebanon Valley College, Boltz later switched to biology, a move that set her on the path to professional happiness. She changed her major due to a combination of factors: her interest in science, her parents' backgrounds in the medical profession, and a conversation with her family eye doctor after her first year at the Valley.

"I think the best advice I could give [to students unsure of what major to pursue] would be to hang in there," says Boltz, who also credits the Lebanon Valley Biology Department with further sparking her interest in the medical profession. "We all find our path a certain way. I think that one of the best things to do is get out there, and if you have an interest in a certain profession, go spend a day with someone in that profession and talk with them. Getting that first-hand experience really makes a difference. For me, knowing my optometrist very well was very influential in helping me to decide what to do."



Pat Huggins is a freelance writer from Lebanon and a sportswriter for the Lebanon Daily News.

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Amy S. Kartzman '01 and Joseph John Rein IV exchanged wedding vows on March 24, 2007, in Powhatan, Va. **Amy Patricelli Rehmeier '01**, **Jennifer Kenny '01**, and **Bethany Lausch Barger '01** were in the wedding party. Amy is the daughter of **Mary Didden Kartzman '74**.

Cheryl D. Lukeski '01 is a marketing coordinator at Miles Technologies in Moorestown, N.J.

Matthew R. Ralph '01 is an education reporter for *The New Albany Tribune* and *The Jeffersonville Evening News*, covering grades K-12 and higher education in southern Indiana. He is based out of New Albany, Ind.

Amy Patricelli Rehmeier '01 is the principal at Hillside Elementary School in the West Shore School District, New Cumberland.

'02

Kendra L. Atkinson '02 and Christopher J. Hoffman exchanged wedding vows on June 23, 2007, in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. **Natalie Taylor Kratzer '02**, **Amy Zellers Shrader '00**, and **Jenah MacDonald '02** were in the bridal party. LVC alumni in attendance included Kendra's mother, **Barbara Macaw Atkinson '67**, **Judy Heiser Taylor '75**, **Greg Kratzer '00**, **Eric Shrader '01**, and **Mat Edgcomb '02**. A marriage blessing and vow renewal, performed by **The Rev. Christopher Rankin '01**, was held Aug. 4, 2007, at Newton Lake, Greenfield Township. **Jay Stanton '66**, **Beth Seidenstricker '01**, **Jen Wood '01**, **Becca Drayer Weaver '01**, **Jason Weaver '02**, **Jen Stover '02**, **Eileen Golias Bowlby '02**, **Trisha Fatula Zellers '02**, **Brian Zellers '02**, **Jen Smolenski Slicks '02**, **Darryl Slicks '02**, **Mandy Stevenson '03**, and **Kim McDonald '04** were in attendance. Kendra teaches literature and journalism at Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School in Plymouth Meeting. She is also the newspaper advisor and the sprint coach for the varsity track and field team.

Andrea Lynne Cannon '02 is a student at the University of Pennsylvania, majoring in biotechnology. She will receive her master's degree in December 2008.

Jared M. Daubert '02 was named a Teacher Mentor by one of his 2007 band students at Lebanon High School. He was featured in a special edition of *The Lebanon Daily News*.

Andrew C. Heizmann '02 is the owner of Andrew's Handyman Service, specializing in home maintenance and remodeling. His company serves Bucks and Montgomery counties.

Natalie Taylor Kratzer '02 is a consultant in field transitions with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in Camp Hill.

Erica Gosart Moser '02 and her husband, Drew, welcomed a daughter, Kaitlyn Ryan Hazel, into their family on Feb. 16, 2007. Erica is a learning support teacher in the Antietam School District, Reading.

DID YOU KNOW Great Expectations Campaign gifts also went toward new enhancements for the academic program? New funds were provided for an annual chamber music residency, science student research, a new resource center for education majors, a library and student book fund, and new technology in many classrooms.

Dr. Tara Neely '02 is an assistant professor of psychology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Joey Rider '02 met President George W. Bush when she was recognized as one of 93 educators to earn a 2006 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Joey is the only educator from Pennsylvania to receive the award, which is the nation's highest honor for math and science teaching.

Stu Seiden '02 recently changed departments at his law firm Parker McCay in New Jersey. He transferred from the firm's real estate and land use group to the financial services department. There, his practice will focus on representing the rights of creditors in federal bankruptcy proceedings, along with a focus on representing the interests of residential and commercial lenders in state court foreclosure matters and associated bankruptcy proceedings.



'03

Blythe L. Bathurst '03 and **Sean F. McStravick '03** exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 11, 2006, in Woodbury, N.J. **Amanda Kelly Smith '03** and **Chris Molite '03** were in the wedding party. Blythe teaches second grade in the Prince William County Schools in Gainesville, Va.

Nicole L. DeStefano '03 and Curtis Hensman exchanged wedding vows on March 24, 2007, in Jeffersonville. **Melissa Barrella '03** attended the wedding.

Tracie J. Dissinger '03 is the branch loan and operations manager for Fulton Bank's Old Hickory Branch in Manheim.

Charles Kyle Ermer '03 received his master's degree in resource and applied economics in May 2007 from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. He is an economist at Information Insights, Inc., in Fairbanks.

Lindsey Elizabeth Forry '03 and **Richard Arthur Miller Jr. '06** exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 14, 2006, in Lancaster. Included in the wedding party were **Natalie R. Dize '03**, **Cherie Forry Houck '99**, **Matthew S. Houck '99**, and **Carl R. Bahner II '07**. **Robert Kerchner '06** was the trumpet soloist. Lindsey and Richard are both employed by Nova School, a private language-based school, and are teaching English in Japan.

Kristie Beth Ritter Grier '03 and her husband, Andrew, welcomed a son, Benjamin Andrew, into their family on Jan. 16, 2007. Older sister Samantha is 2.

Sarah Henrie '03 received her master's degree in administration of justice in December 2004 from Shippensburg University.

Mark G. Malay '03 was recently promoted to commercial relationship manager at Susquehanna Bank.

Sarah Durako Onufer '03 and her husband, David, welcomed a daughter,

Grace Abigail, into their family on Jan. 25, 2007. Sarah is a program assistant in the Physician Assistant Program at Marywood University, Scranton.

Christopher D. Ransom '03 is an audio engineer with Juniper Street Productions. He is on tour with *Thomas and Friends LIVE!*

Kimberly Richardson Runkle '03 is the pharmacy team leader at Target in York.

Jolene L. Schneck '03 received her elementary certification in December 2006 and is a substitute teacher. She continues to work in the behavioral health field as a therapeutic staff support worker.

Anne L. Small '03 and Joey M. Parmer exchanged wedding vows on Jan. 6, 2007, in Lancaster. **Kathryn Guenther '05** and **Erica Gibson '04** provided music for the ceremony.

'04

Kristen T. Barone '04 is a music teacher for kindergarten through fifth grade in the Oley Valley School District.

John C. Brewster '04 is the director of music at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Leesport.

Jennifer E. Buckley '04 is a special education teacher at Arthur Middleton Elementary School in the Charles County Public Schools, Waldorf, Md.

Marsha Curry '04 and Robert L. Banks Jr. exchanged wedding vows on April 28, 2007, in Camp Hill. Marsha's eight children served as her bridal party. She teaches high school students at Wordsworth Academy. Marsha is pursuing her master's degree in social work at Temple University.

DID YOU KNOW Neidig-Garber Science Center underwent a \$18+ million revitalization through the Great Expectations Campaign? The revitalization included space for the College's first nanotechnology laboratory.

Fairy-Tale Team

BY PAT HUGGINS

Howie Landa. Rinso Marquette. Lou Sorrentino. Bill Vought. Herb Finkelstein. Richie Furda. Leon Miller. Don Grider.

Today, those names do not immediately leap to minds of the younger generation when the Valley's storied basketball history is broached. In recent years, names like **Mike Rhoades '95**, **Andy Panko '99**, and **J.D. Byers '05** have been more closely identified with LVC basketball greatness. But it was that first group of men—all members of the 1952–53 men's basketball team and their teammates—who produced what is arguably the most memorable moments in the College's athletic history.

Dubbed the "Seven Dwarfs," this scrappy band of undersized underdogs had a magical NCAA Tournament ride that left an indelible impression on a high school student from Columbia, Lancaster County, by the name of Art Ford.

Today, **Dr. Arthur Ford '59** is a professor *emeritus* of English after serving Lebanon Valley for 36 years prior to retiring in 2001. He is also the author of *Cinderella and the Seven Dwarfs*, an entertaining story of the 1952–53 Cinderella team and its amazing run. The 108-page paperback includes LVC's shocking upset of national basketball power Fordham and their trip to the Sweet 16, where future NBA Hall of Famer Bob Pettit and LSU were waiting.

The team that captivated Ford in his youth also put tiny LVC—then with just over 400 students—on the map.

"I was a sophomore at Columbia High School, and my dad was a big sports fan, as I was, too," says Ford. "Dad said, 'This is an amazing team, I never saw anything like it.' And it was an amazing team. We came up to see them play a couple times and it just stayed in my mind all those years."

About 10 years ago, Ford decided to revisit that experience and produce an oral history of the team and its accomplishments. He interviewed the nine living members, as well as head coach **Dr. George "Rinso" Marquette '48**, whose first year at the helm coincided with that remarkable season. But as he began chatting with the members of the team and heard them speak so fondly of their glorious past, Ford's project turned into something more substantial. Ultimately it became *Cinderella and the Seven Dwarfs*.

"As I started interviewing these guys, I was fascinated by the stories they told," says Ford, "and by their almost total recall of that season, even to individual shots they took. I had such a great time talking to them that I decided to write something about it."

But the story of the 1952–53 Flying Dutchmen comes alive with more than words, thanks to an 8mm film of the historic Fordham game which Ford believes was probably taken by **Dr. Clark Carmean H'85**, who was LVC's longtime dean of admission. The film was later copied to videotape and subsequently was converted to a DVD format. Each copy of Ford's book will include the DVD. "One of the players, Bill Vought, had a copy of it [the DVD] and loaned it to me," Ford says. "And I watched it, and it was one of the most amazing things I've ever seen. You could see the look of it, the feel of the game and the way the game was played in the early 1950s. It was just a totally different game, and I was absolutely fascinated by it." Another bonus for readers is an appendix of box scores from that season, compiled by LVC Athletic Department employee **Harry Speece**. [See his story on page 27.]

The nine 1952–53 team members were pleased that Ford was so interested in telling their story. It was their appreciation and his own memories that made the project one of the most enjoyable of Ford's life. Given his long career as an English professor, the book is not Ford's first literary work. But it is probably his favorite. "This is the first one I did for the sheer enjoyment of it, just because I wanted to do it," said Ford. "I was retired; it didn't matter what I did. Nobody had to say 'yes' or 'no.'"

The book was released in November at LVC's annual Rinso Marquette Tournament, and is available for purchase through LVC's Bookstore (www.lvcbookstore.com). Now, the readers of *Cinderella and the Seven Dwarfs* can share Ford's enjoyment.

Cinderella and the Seven Dwarfs
The Lebanon Valley College
1952-53 Basketball Team's Improbable Run
to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen



Arthur L. Ford



class news & notes

Nathan Heim '04 is a fifth-grade teacher in the Shikellamy School District in Sunbury.

Cassandra Lee Hoadley '04 and Douglas James Hutton exchanged wedding vows on June 16, 2007, in Alexandria, Va. **Lisa Landis '04** served as maid of honor. Other LVC alumni in attendance were **Robert Schaefer '04**, **Geoffrey Manderewicz '03**, and **Jaclyn Bailey Manderewicz '03**. Cassandra is an executive recruiter at Capital Search Group, LLC, in Vienna, Va.

Julia Christine Howell '04 is the director of music at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Iowa City, Iowa.

Jamie L. Moyer '04 and **Jason R. Brandle '03** exchanged wedding vows on June 2, 2007, in LVC's Miller Chapel.

Constance O'Brien '04 and **Jeffrey Grieger '04** exchanged wedding vows on May 27, 2007. Connie is a personnel coordinator with Allied Personnel Services in Bethlehem. Jeff is an account executive for Wilson Products in Easton.

Peter Progin '04 is a supervisor, engineering III, in facility maintenance at Bayer HealthCare, Myerstown.

Michael Rock '04 is a therapeutic staff support worker at T.W. Ponessa and Associates in Lancaster.

Ellen M. Schin '04 is teaching fifth grade in the West Shore School District in New Cumberland.

Jennifer L. Selin, Esq., '04 received her juris doctorate degree in May 2007 from the Wake Forest School of Law.

Wendy J. Sherman '04 and Kevin Dugan exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 16, 2006, in Annville. Wendy is the assistant audit manager at RLD Associates, Lebanon.

Ronda L. Sowers '04 was named as a Teacher Mentor by one of her 2007 graduating students as both a science teacher and field hockey coach in the Northern Lebanon School District. She was featured in a special edition of *The Lebanon Daily News*.

Katie Staley '04 and Daniel Gephart exchanged wedding vows on June 24, 2006, in Harrisburg. Katie is a sixth-grade teacher at Cedar Crest Middle School, Lebanon.



Several of the legacies of the Class of 2007 and their families gathered on the steps of Miller Chapel prior to Commencement this past May. Pictured here are:

*Front row, (l. to r.): Bailey Claes '07, Rebecca Rentzel '07, Ashley Visneski '07, Jet Visneski '07, Rae Sechrist Kaufman '42, Cathy Rentzel, The Rev. Bradley E. Rentzel '67, Dr. Paul Visneski '75, Brendan Fullam '07, Deborah Reimer Fullam '81
Second row: Julie Kauffman Claes '81, Ellen Rae Kauffman Zeigler '67, Kelly Kauffman '07, Gretchen Artz '07, Mark Orndorf '07, Carol Orndorf, Craig Brown '07, Walter Fullam '80
Third row: Bill Kauffman '74, Brian Claes '81, Linda Artz, Scott Artz '83, Dr. Thomas Orndorf '81, Bill Brown Jr. '79, Donna Bacon '79*

Annalouise Venturella '04 assumed the role of intern coordinator for Democracy for America in South Burlington, Vt., in addition to her duties as compliance officer.

Mary Ellen Whitner '04 received her master's degree in educational psychology in December 2006 from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She will be working in the Littlestown Area School District during the 2007–2008 school year as a school psychology intern.



'05

Marlene J. Brechet '05 is the human resources manager and petroleum sales supervisor at Jembas Assistencia Tecnica, LDA, in Luanda, Angola.

Kimberly A. Citrone '05 and Ryan Christopher Duff exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 19, 2005, in Fort Washington.

Amber Nolan '05 was in the wedding party. LVC alumni in attendance were: **Leah Bergey '05**, **Nick Buckwalter '05**, **Shannon Gamble '05**, **Jordan Newell '05**, **Jess Sweitzer '03**, **Alissa Byerley '05**, **Rick Hadley '06**, **Dan Smith '07**, **Andrew Moser '05**, **Carol Russo '05**, **Ashley Kreider '05**, **Joliene Blain '06**, **Laura Evelhoch '08**, and **Lois Shupp '08**.

Kathleen C. Clark '05 is an academic department coordinator at Franklin & Marshall College, and is a member of the school board for the Eastern York School District.

Heather E. Dodds '05 (front, second from left) and **Andrew "Drew" S. Jenkins '05** (back, fifth from left) were married in LVC's Miller Chapel on July 1, 2006. LVC alumni in attendance were: **Chris Jessen '05**, **Staci Storti '05**, **Joanna Tiedeken '05**, **Erica Hansen '05**, **Jes Hougentogler '06**, **Jen Marcinkevich '05**, **Scott Payonk '05**, **Scott Broody '05**, **Billy Silar '05**, **Dan Melius '05**, **Gregg Musser '06**, **Drew Schlegel '05**, and **Adam Demchak '04**.



Tim Flynn '05 (left) was named director of sports information at LVC in August. He assumes communications oversight for all 21 of the College's NCAA athletic

programs. He returns to the Valley after a two-year stint in athletic communications at the University of Pennsylvania.

Ashley M. Jefferson '05 received her master's degree in library science in December 2006 from Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

Ashley D. Kreider '05 received her master's degree in journalism/mass communication in August 2007 from Point Park University, Pittsburgh. She will receive her teaching certificate in communications in December 2007.

Liza A. McLucas '05 is an elementary school counselor at South Hanover Elementary School in the Lower Dauphin School District in Hummelstown. She received her master's degree in education in May 2007 from Millersville University.

Jordan E. Miller '05 earned his master's degree in religious studies, philosophy of religion, in May 2007 from Boston University. He is a gardener at Laura McGrath Design in Sudbury, Mass. Jordan, **Dave McLaughlin '06**, **Jason Bachman '05**, **Scott Weber-Broody '05**, **Brendan McGeehan '07**, and **Andrew Gena '05**, comprise a band called Wasting Revolution. They recorded their new CD in July in Danville.

Amber R. Nolan '05 received her teaching certificate in elementary education in May 2007 from California University of Pennsylvania. She is a fifth-grade teacher at J. Glenn Edwards Elementary School in the Lee County Schools, Sanford, N.C.

Jennifer L. Walter '05 is the band director at Green Hills School in the Green Township School District, Greendell, N.J.

'06

Courtney D. Abbott '06 and Adam Bonenberger exchanged wedding vows on July 7, 2007, in LVC's Miller Chapel.

Alisa F. Albers '06 is a project engineer at Lockheed Martin in Virginia.

Jeffrey S. Albright '06 is teaching first grade at Southeast Elementary School in the Lebanon School District.

Kelly A. Beaver '06 is a kindergarten teacher in the Gettysburg Area School District.

Kimberly R. Beebe '06 is a child care counselor at Catholic Charities in Wilmington, Del.

Brendan Cawley '06 is an actuarial associate at ING in West Chester.

Kathy Davis '06 and **Jeffrey Allan Cain '06** exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 11, 2006, in West Chester. The wedding party included **Katie Markey '07**, **Nikki Wynn '07**, **Ashley Visneski '07**, **Dave McLaughlin '06**, and **Darnell Epps '08**. Jeff is a recording engineer and Kathy is a psychology and sociology teacher at Ravenwood High School in Brentwood, Tenn.

Terrie E. Faust '06 is a special education teacher in the Blue Mountain School District in Orwigsburg.

Samantha Dorman Groy '06 and her husband, James, welcomed a daughter, Grace Abigail, into their family on June 20, 2007.

Rachel R. Hadrick '06 is the coordinator of multicultural programs and residential communities at Elizabethtown College.

Matthew P. Hooper '06 is the director of bands at the John Dickinson High School in the Red Clay Consolidated School District, Wilmington, Del.

Vanessa J. Jones '06 is a Broadway marketing assistant at the Kimmel Center, Inc., in Philadelphia.

Steven M. Kratz '06 is the deputy executive director for the Montgomery County Republican Committee in Blue Bell.

Amanda Marie Marsteller '06 is an audio engineer at Creative Sound Studios in Orefield.

Lauren C. Nickey '06 and **Mark Dion Engle '05** exchanged wedding vows on May 11, 2007, in Carlisle. Lauren is a research assistant at Penn State University, Capital Area Health and Human Development Institute. She is currently a student at Penn State, working on her master's degree in training and development. Mark is an executive recruiter with The Carlisle Group in Scranton.

Amanda Olving '06 is a therapeutic staff support member with Youth Advocate Programs in Shohola.

Michael J. Renoll '06, a biology teacher at South Western High School in Hanover, was the keynote speaker at the 2007 Best and Brightest Ceremony on May 6, 2007.

The annual ceremony honors the best and brightest students in the Hanover area.

Andrew David Schlegel '06 is an assistant audio engineer with George Blood Audio, L.P., in Philadelphia.

Amanda J. Soliday '06 is an emotional support teacher at Lebanon High School.

Christine L. Stachelczyk '06 is teaching fifth grade at the Greenview Knolls Elementary School in Great Mills, Md.

Lauren A. Strafford '06 is a substitute teacher in the New York City Public Schools, as well as a French teacher for ABC Language Exchange in New York.

Melika K. Troxell '06 is a Spanish teacher at the St. Michael the Archangel Middle School in Bethlehem.

Jamie Wenrich '06 is a student at West Virginia University, working on her master's degree in integrated marketing communications.

'07

Edward O. Stuber '07 is a program specialist/behavior modification specialist at Keystone Human Services in Harrisburg.

Faculty & Staff News

Dr. Timothy J. Peelen, assistant professor of chemistry at LVC, and his wife, **Dora Peelen**, an adjunct instructor at LVC, welcomed a daughter, Anna Rose, into their family on May 2, 2007. Son Daniel is a proud older brother.

Dr. Jeff Ritchie and **Jessica Bostdorf '99**, M'06 exchanged wedding vows on March 9, 2007, in Scottsdale, Ariz. Jess is the director of major gifts at LVC, and Jeff is an assistant professor of English and digital communications at LVC.

Scott Schweigert, his wife, Amy, and son, Benjamin, welcomed, Harrison Hubler, into their family on May 18, 2007. Scott is the director of the Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery and an assistant professor of art history at LVC.

Friend of the College

Denise Lanese died May 19, 2007, in Lebanon at the age of 94. She was born in Paris, France. Lanese enjoyed playing the piano and was a sculptress of weathered wood. She and her late husband, **Thomas A. Lanese**, LVC associate professor *emeritus* of strings, conducting, and theory, set up the Germaine Benedictus Monteux Scholarship Fund at LVC. Among others, she is survived by her son **John D. Lanese '61**.

'20s



Kathryn Nisley Herr '25

Kathryn Nisley Herr '25 died June 27, 2007, in Elizabethtown at the age of 103. She was employed for 16 years as a teacher/librarian at Elizabethtown High School, where she also directed senior class plays. Herr taught French at Elizabethtown College for 26 years, and on her retirement in 1969, was named assistant professor *emerita* of French. She was a member of the College Auxiliary and Friends of the High Library, and, in June 2001, was made an honorary member of the Elizabethtown College Class of 1949. Also in June 2001, Herr was recognized by Elizabethtown Borough Council for her many years of community service and was made an honorary member of the Elizabethtown High School Class of 1931 at their 70th reunion. She was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Elizabethtown, for over 57 years. Herr was a member and past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 407, Elizabethtown; member and past president of the Elizabeth Hughes Society; charter member of the Elizabethtown Public Library Board; member

and past president of the former Rotary Ann Club; member of the Elizabethtown Historical Society; Elizabethtown Flower Club; and the Beta Theta Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. In 1987, she was named Woman of the Year by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Elizabethtown.

'30s

Ethel May Hower Darkes '31 died May 29, 2007, in Palmyra at the age of 95. She taught in Drumore Township, Lancaster County, from 1931 to 1932; Lebanon Senior High School from 1939 to 1964; and in the South Eastern School District, York County, from 1964 until her retirement in 1976. Darkes taught English, power sewing, math, and health. She finished her career as a guidance counselor. She was a member of the Annville United Methodist Church, and was licensed as a minister by the former United Brethren in Christ Church. Darkes was a member and former office holder in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union on local, state, and national levels. She was a founding member and past president of Nu Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma; a member and past president of Lebanon Valley Branch, American Association of University Women; a member and office holder of the Pennsylvania School Employees Retirement System; and a member of Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees. In addition, she was a member of the Lebanon Woman's Club; a member and former local office holder in both the Lebanon Christian Business Women and AARP; and a former member of the Bunker Hill Grange. Among others, she is survived by a daughter, **Annetta Darkes Wells '61**.

Margaret H. Young Schrope '31 died April 11, 2007, in Whitehall at the age of 96. She was a member of Boulevard E.C. Church, Allentown, where she was a choir member for over 50 years, as well as a choir director. She was also a Sunday School teacher and member of the Dorcas Society at the church. Schrope sang with the Zion Hill Choral Society. She was predeceased by her husband, **Leonard M. Schrope '33**.

Harry Gingrich Gruber '36 died March 13, 2007, in Palmyra at the age of 92. He worked at the Paper Box Company, the Lebanon Steel Foundry, and the Quaker State Metals Company in Lancaster (later known as ALCOA). Gruber served with the

Civil Air Patrol during World War II and was a member of the Lawn Fire Company, Lebanon County Republican Committee, and Hershey AARP. He was a member of the Lawn Evangelical Congregational Church and a member of the Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682 Free & Accepted Masons, Harrisburg Consistory, and Zembo Shrine in Harrisburg. Gruber is survived, among others, by a son-in-law, **H. Lee Moyer '62**, and a sister, **Jane Gruber Seiverling '43**. He was preceded in death by a sister, **Christine Gruber Kreider '34**.

Elizabeth Bingaman Zarger Lastinger '37 died March 9, 2007, in Florida at the age of 89. She retired after 21 years as a teacher in Pinellas County. Lastinger was active in the Salvation Army and the Home League.

Hazel Hemingway Muth '38 died Feb. 10, 2007, in Illinois at the age of 89. She taught school a total of 17 years, having taken time off to be a full-time mother. Muth attended her 55th class reunion at LVC in 1993.



The Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Guinivan '39, H'66

The Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Guinivan '39, H'66 died June 8, 2007, in Harrisburg at the age of 89. A retired United Methodist clergyman, he was a longtime member of the LVC Board of Trustees. Guinivan was a World War II Navy chaplain; attended Shiremanstown United Methodist Church; and was a member of the Hershey, York, and Colonial Park Rotary clubs. He began his pastoral career with the Hummelstown Circuit of United Brethren in Christ Churches and later served the Rockville United Brethren in Christ Church and the Hershey Evangelical United Brethren

Church. He served as district superintendent of the York District of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, then served as pastor of the Colonial Park United Methodist Church until his retirement, when he became the visitation pastor at the Penbrook United Methodist Church and later the Shiremanstown United Methodist Church.

Leander Hamm '39 died March 20, 2007, in Mechanicsburg at the age of 91. He was a certified public accountant and a life member of the Fourth United Church of Christ. Hamm served in World War II in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He contracted polio in his early 30s and was one of the first persons from the area to be sent to Warm Springs, Ga., for rehabilitation. Determined to walk again, Hamm made a complete recovery and went on to live a productive life. He worked for over 30 years in the U.S. government, first in the post office, and later retired from the U.S. Defense Department in Washington, D.C.

'40s

Jesse S. Lenker '40 died May 10, 2007, in Hershey. He retired as secretary/treasurer of Lenkerbrook Farms, Inc., in Harrisburg. Lenker served on the West Hanover Township Board of Supervisors for 33 years, on numerous committees and boards, and also served on a number of Dauphin County boards. He was a member of the Colonial Park United Church of Christ; the West Hanover Township Lions Club; the West Hanover Township and Derry Township historical societies; Harrisburg Lodge #629 Free & Accepted Masons; the Harrisburg Consistory, Zembo Temple Shrine; the Hershey Shrine Club; and was a charter member of the West Hanover Township Fire Company. Lenker was also a volunteer at the Hershey Medical Center. Among others, he is survived by twin brother **David F. Lenker '40**.

Jean P. Anger '42 died June 30, 2007, in Hunker, at the age of 87. She was a retired educator, having taught in the Conneville School District. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Scottsdale.

Dr. Gene U. Cohen '46 died June 30, 2007, in Harrisburg at the age of 84. He was also a graduate of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. During World War

II, he was a cannoneer in the field artillery during the Battle of the Bulge. He spent several years in the Panama Canal Zone working in the pulmonary service. On returning to the U.S., Cohen operated a private practice in internal medicine in Silver Spring, Md., for 17 years. He then spent 10 years as chief of medicine at the Martinsburg, W.Va., Veterans Affairs Hospital. After retiring, he was honored with the Veteran's Administration 1990 Hands and Hearts Award, and spent several years volunteering at the Chambersburg Hospital. He was a member of Temple Beth Shalom in Mechanicsburg and a former member of Sons of Israel Congregation in Chambersburg.

Robert F. Beck, Esq., '48 died April 22, 2007, in York at the age of 83. Beck worked for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania serving in the Governor's Office of Administration handling major grievances. After his retirement, he worked privately as an arbitrator. Among others, he is survived by his wife, **Mildred Neff Beck '48**, and a son, **Stephen Walter Beck '78**.



Dr. Robert F. Early Sr. '48

Dr. Robert F. Early Sr. '48 died May 29, 2007, in East Petersburg at the age of 81. He was one of LVC's first campus doctors and covered numerous athletic events on campus. His college education was interrupted in 1944 when he was drafted. He served in the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps during World War II. After being discharged in 1946, Early returned to LVC to earn a chemistry degree. He was a member of the Lititz Church of the Brethren; a member and past president of the Lebanon County Medical Society; and a member of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the American Medical Society, and the Christian Medical Society. Early was a charter member of the Founders of the Thomas Jefferson

University of the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He was active with the Salvation Army. Among others, he is survived by daughters **Beth Elayne Early Brandt '76** and **Marjorie Ann "Meg" Early Arnold '90**, and grandson **Mark T. Brandt '08**. *His daughter, Beth, contributed this as part of a short history she wrote of her father's life.*

Dr. David P. Sheetz '48 died April 13, 2007, in Traverse City, Mich., at the age of 80. He joined the Dow Chemical Company in 1952 as a research chemist in the Edgar C. Britton Research Laboratory and went on to register 27 U.S. patents for his work. Sheetz later became group leader of the laboratory in 1959 and director in 1966. His areas of research include colloid and surface chemistry. In 1980, Sheetz became a vice president of Dow and corporate director of research and development. He was elected a senior vice president in 1986 and assumed new duties as the company's chief scientist. Sheetz served on the board of directors of the Dow Chemical Company from 1981-1990. Although he retired in 1990, he continued to serve as a consultant for the company for several years.

Frederick S. Tice '48 died May 19, 2007, in Lebanon at the age of 86. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was active with the Pennsylvania National Guard for many years. In 1980, he retired from the Bureau of Economic Development of the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce.

John Adams '49 died June 9, 2007, in Ohio at the age of 81. He was a distinguished music teacher, having been band director for various high schools throughout his career, and was a trombonist and businessman. Adams was the co-founder and director of the Stark County Fair Band, which he led for over 25 years. He was a lifetime member of the Akron and Canton Federation of Musicians. Adams served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

James L. Barto '49 died March 17, 2007, in Indianapolis, Ind., at the age of 83. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II, and a member of the American Legion Perry Highway Post No. 161, as well as the Knights of Columbus Council of Our Lady of Olives No. 3907, Wexford. Barto was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No 2754 of West View. Among others, he is survived by his wife, **Betty Camp Barto '50**.

Albert P. DiJohnson '49 died April 11, 2007, in East Stroudsburg at the age of 83. He was a professor of education at East Stroudsburg University, retiring in 1991. DiJohnson was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Pennsylvania State Employees Union, the American Federation of Teachers, and the Italian Club of Stroudsburg. He was also a former member of the Kiwanis Club. DiJohnson was preceded in death by a brother, **Henry DiJohnson '50**.

'50s

Mark Clarke '50 died Feb. 13, 2007, in Baltimore, Md., at the age of 82. In 1965, he became vice president for American Bank Stationery. Clarke also served in senior positions at E.F. Goetz Co., Becton, Dickinson and Co., and Provident Hospital before retiring in 1981. He was a tutor for HARBEL Community Organization, and worked for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra on a freelance basis. Clark served in the 4th Infantry Division, 89th Regiment in Europe from August 1944 through the spring of 1945. A recipient of the Purple Heart, he fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

Dr. Samuel H. Black '52 died March 30, 2007, in College Station, Texas, at the age of 76. Black served two years in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, and in 1961 received his doctorate in microbiology from the University of Michigan. He had been a faculty member of Texas A&M College of Medicine since 1975, and served as professor *emeritus* of medical microbiology and immunology and humanities in medicine. While at Texas A&M University, he served as professor and head of medical microbiology and immunology from 1975–1990, assistant dean for curriculum and undergraduate medical education from 1985–1987, interim dean for the College of Medicine from 1987–1988, associate dean of the College of Medicine from 1988–1990, and associate dean for academic affairs from 1990–1991. Black also served on various committees during his tenure, including speaker of the faculty senate from 1986–1987. Over the years, he received many honors and awards. The Samuel H. Black, Ph.D., Lecture Hall in the Reynolds Medical Building, College of Medicine, was dedicated in his honor in May 2003.

Dr. David D. Neiswender Jr. '53 died April 1, 2007, in Cherry Hill, N.J., at the age of 76. He was a research chemist at Mobil Oil Research & Development in Princeton and Paulsboro, N.J., for 33 years. Neiswender participated in the commercialization of Mobil 1, the first synthetic motor oil. He was a longtime member of the Haddonfield United Methodist Church, where he served on many boards and committees. Among others, Neiswender is survived by his son, **Karl D. Neiswender '79**, and his daughter, **Karen J. Neiswender Kongsmai '82**.

Mary Elizabeth Swope Shroyer '58 died June 2, 2007, in Oakton, Va., at the age of 70. She was a retired elementary school teacher in the Fairfax County Public Schools in Oakton, Va. Among others, she is survived by a sister **Elma Jean Swope Kreider '55**; sisters-in-law **Anne Shroyer Shemeta '51**, **Frances Shroyer Bova '54**, and **Lois Shroyer Smith '65**; and brothers-in-law **Joseph J. Shemeta '52** and **Richard H. Smith '58**.

'60s

Kenneth S. Homan Sr. '64 died Dec. 24, 2006, in Pittsburgh at the age of 64. He was a self-employed real estate appraiser for over 10 years. Prior to that, he was a pharmaceutical representative for Eli Lilly. Homan was a member of Petra Christian Fellowship. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam era. Among others, Homan is survived by a son, **Kenneth Homan Jr. '90**, and a brother, **John Michael Homan '62**.

Thomas R. Previte Sr. '64 died April 24, 2007, in Quincy at the age of 66. In 1992, he retired as a sales director after 27 years in sales. Previte was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Fraternal Order of Eagles; the American Legion; and was a past commander of Sons of the American Legion, all in Carlisle.

Dale B. Hains '65 died March 28, 2007, in Boca Raton, Fla., at the age of 64. He was a retired math teacher in the school district of Palm Beach County. Hains umpired baseball for 32 years, was an avid golfer, and loved sports.

J. Duncan Kriebel '65 died May 26, 2007, in Hershey at the age of 64. He was a retired educator with 36 years of service with Milton Hershey School. Kriebel attended the Derry Presbyterian Church in Hershey and was a member and past master of Spring Creek Lodge #802 Free & Accepted Masons in Hershey; a member of Schwenkfelder's Heritage Society; an honorary member of the Milton Hershey School Alumni Association; and was inducted into the Milton Hershey School Spartan Hall of Fame in 2006. He was an avid fan of the Philadelphia Eagles and Philadelphia Phillies.

Betty Detweiler Melcher '66 died April 10, 2007, in Palmyra at the age of 78. She was a retired teacher from the Derry Township School District with 20 years of service. Melcher was very active in organizing her high school class reunions, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Hershey.

Thomas H. Shonk '67 died April 13, 2007, in Quarryville at the age of 61. He taught music in the Solanco and Christina school districts, and had been the superintendent for Tanglewood Golf Course, Quarryville. Shonk was a member and music coordinator at Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren. Among others, he is survived by his wife, **Judy Vonada Shonk '68**.

'70s

Beth Hill Graves '79 died April 5, 2007, in Somerville, N.J., at the age of 49. She worked as a systems analyst for AT&T in Piscataway, N.J., for the last 28 years.



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